



STORY & ART BY
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PARENTAL ADVISORY
**EXPLICIT
CONTENT**





Dutch

SKIPPER OF THE OF THE BLACK LAGOON AND LEADER OF THE CREW. DUTCH STAYS COOL NO MATTER HOW BAD THINGS GET. HIS BACKGROUND INCLUDES MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING A TOUR IN VIETNAM.

Benny

THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE HIGH-TECH ELECTRONICS ONBOARD THE BLACK LAGOON. BENNY ESCAPED FROM THE U.S. AND IS ON THE RUN FROM BOTH THE FBI AND THE MAFIA.

Crew of the Black Lagoon

Rock

A FORMER JAPANESE SALARYMAN, WHOSE REAL NAME IS ROKURŌ OKAJIMA. ABANDONED BY HIS COMPANY AFTER THE CREW OF THE BLACK LAGOON ABDUCTED HIM, ROCK LATER JOINED HIS CAPTORS.

Revy

THE BLACK LAGOON'S TOP GUNSLINGER, NICKNAMED "TWO HAND." HER FOUL MOUTH AND EXTREMELY SHORT FUSE USUALLY GET HER IN LOTS OF TROUBLE.

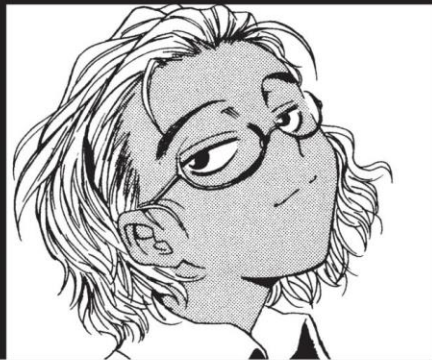
STORY

ROCK, AKA ROKURŌ OKAJIMA, A JAPANESE SALARYMAN, IS ABDUCTED BY A BAND OF SMUGGLERS WHILE ON A BUSINESS TRIP IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. ABANDONED BY HIS COMPANY, HE TAKES ON THE NICKNAME 'ROCK' AND FINDS A NEW JOB IN THE SHADY SMUGGLING TRADE. HE BEGINS HIS NEW CRIMINAL LIFE IN VICE-FILLED ROANAPUR, THAILAND, THE LAGOON TRADERS' BASE OF OPERATIONS...

AFTER SURVIVING COUNTLESS TERRIBLE SITUATIONS, ROCK BECOMES MORE HARDENED. HOWEVER, THE DEADLY SOUTH AMERICAN MAID ROBERTA'S SECOND VISIT TO ROANAPUR ENDED BITTERLY FOR ROCK...



CHARACTER



Jane

LEADER OF AN INTERNATIONAL COUNTERFEITING GROUP. AFTER VARIOUS INCIDENTS IN ROANAPUR, SHE IS NOW BENNY'S GIRLFRIEND.



Ronnie

A MEMBER OF THE SICILIAN MAFIA, NOW ATTEMPTING TO EXTEND THEIR INFLUENCE IN ROANAPUR.



Sawyer

UNDERGROUND CLEANER. HER WEAPON OF CHOICE IS A CHAINSAW. FRIENDS WITH SHENHUA AND LOTTON.



Bao

OWNER OF THE 'YELLOW FLAG' BAR. A FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY DESERTER.

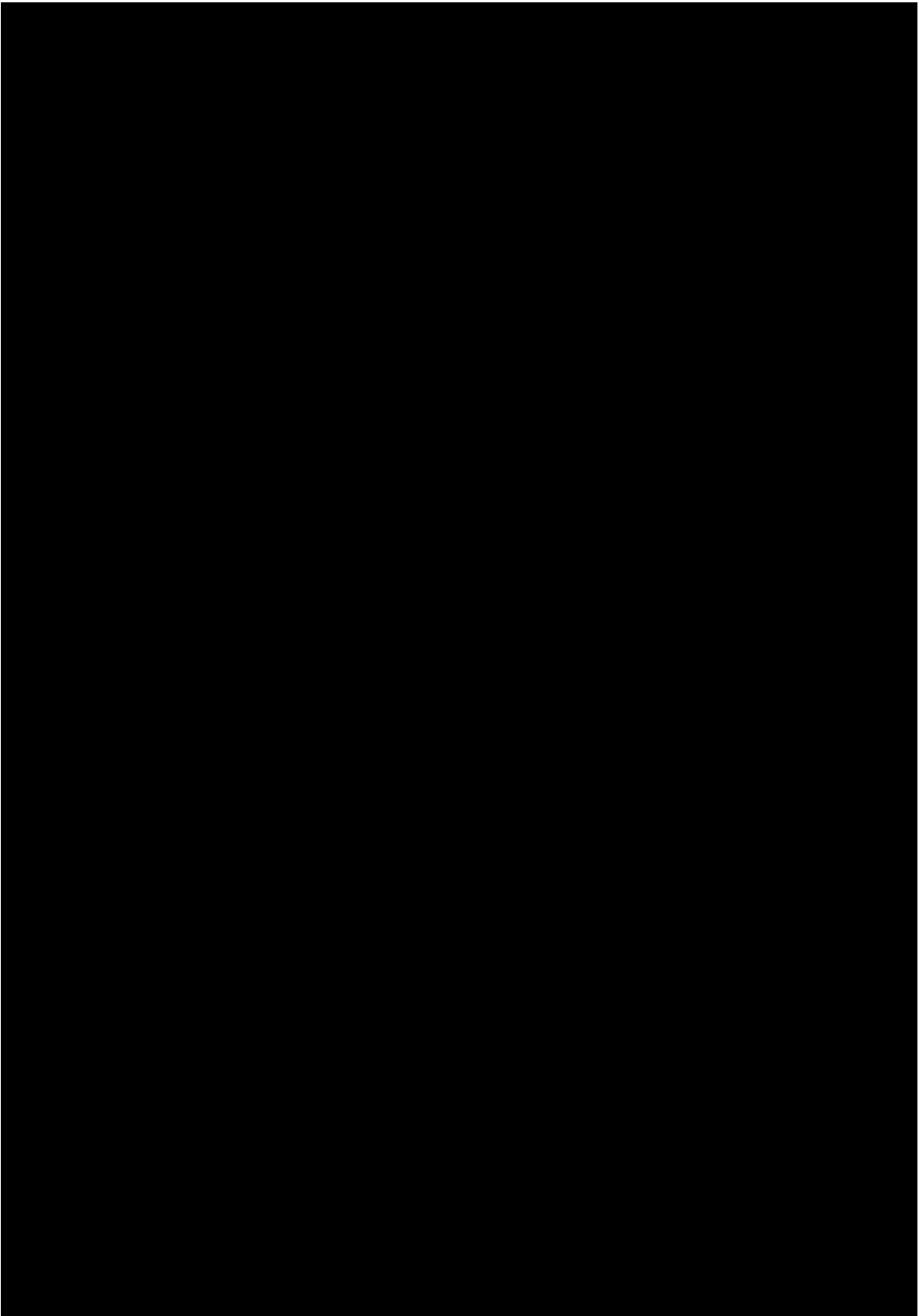
BLACK LAGOON



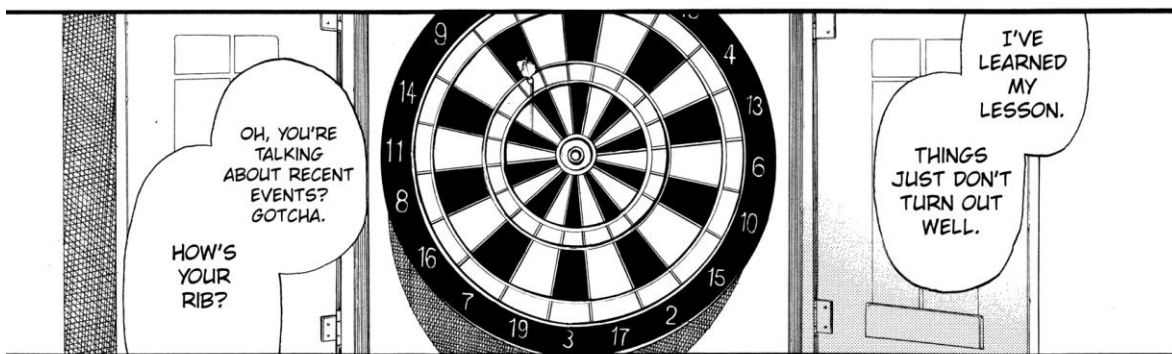
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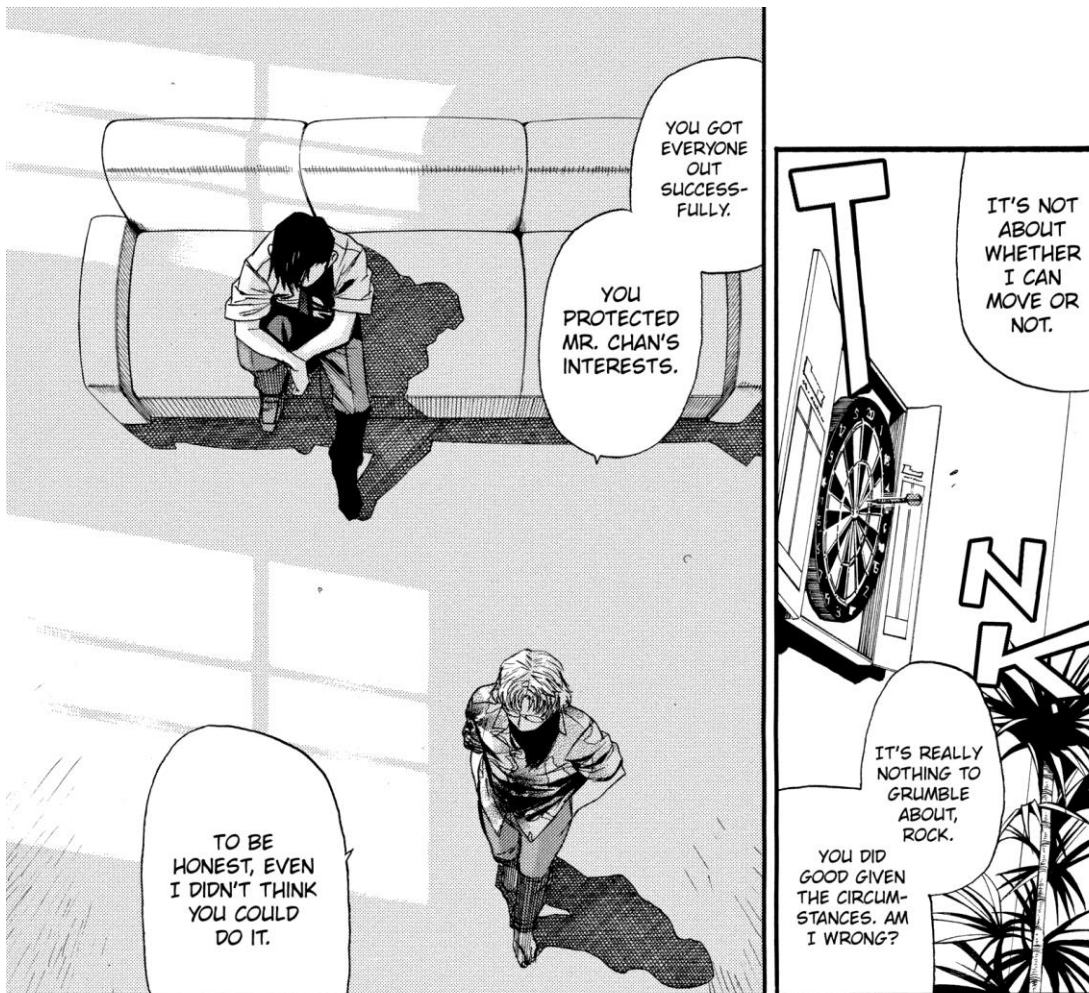
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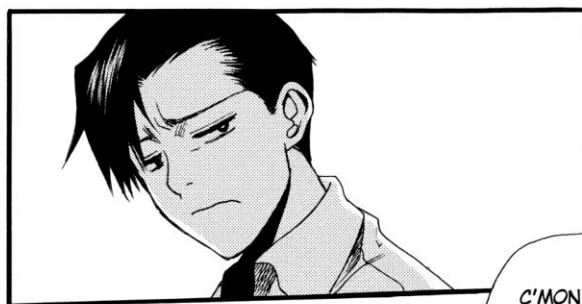
Chapter 77: The Wired Red Wild Card 007











YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY IT WAS JUST A CRACKED RIB OR TWO. I'LL PUT IT TO YOU THIS WAY...

YOU PUT EVERYTHING THEY OWNED INTO AN INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS FUTURES TRANSACTION.



C'MON, DON'T GIMME THAT LOOK.

I'M NOT JUDGING YOU.

IT JUST MEANS SOLIDARITY MATTERS MORE TO SOME PEOPLE...

...THAN RESULTS. A CONFIRMATION OF WILL OVER OUTCOMES.



"HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE."

AND NOT KNOWING THE PERSONAL RISKS YOU TOOK, THAT'S HOW IT LOOKED TO THEM.



BUT UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S NOT HOW THE WORLD WORKS.

SO YOU'LL BE BREAKING SOME MORE RIBS. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.



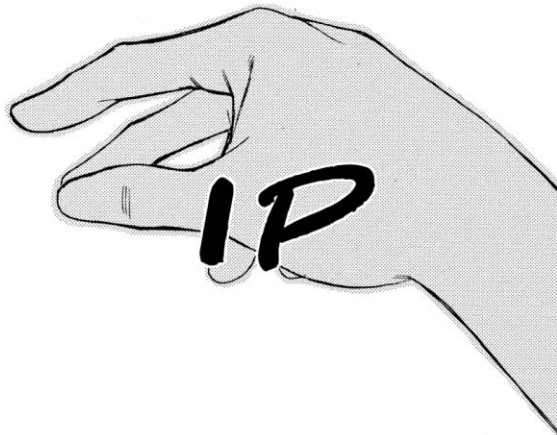
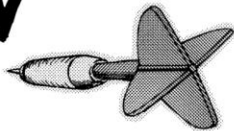
IF THERE WERE ONLY ONE SET OF VALUES IN THE WORLD...

...NOBODY WOULD COMPLAIN IF CAMPBELL'S CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP WAS THE ONLY THING WE HAD TO EAT.

AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THAT'S GOOD OR BAD, THE WORLD WOULD BE AT PEACE.



FW











I THOUGHT ABOUT DROPPING EVERYTHING TO GO FLYING INTO YOUR ARMS SO MANY TIMES!

I MISSED YOU SO MUCH! EMAILS WERE ALL WE HAD FOR SIX MONTHS! YOU REALIZE HOW WORN OUT I AM?!

OH, SWEETIE PIE!

OF COURSE.

YOU REALLY THINK SO...?

OH...

WOW.

I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN THIS OPPORTUNITY CAME UP! SEE, LOOK! LOOK!

I BOUGHT A TON OF LINGERIE AT 'SHAME'!

WELL YOU DON'T LOOK SO HAPPY.

YOU WEREN'T FOOLING AROUND WITH OTHER GIRLS WHILE I WAS AWAY, WERE YOU?

THAT'S REALLY SEXY.

IT ACCENTUATES MY BOOBS. IT OPENS UP RIGHT HERE!

YOU GUYS GONNA SCREW EACH OTHER RIGHT HERE?!

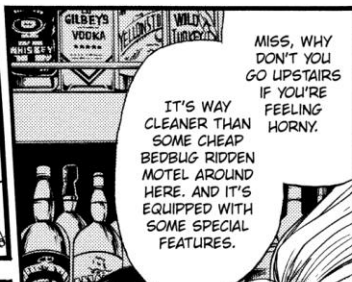
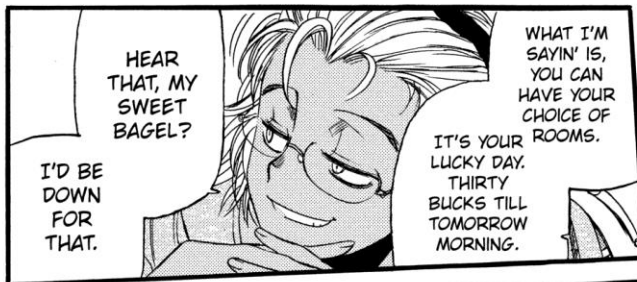
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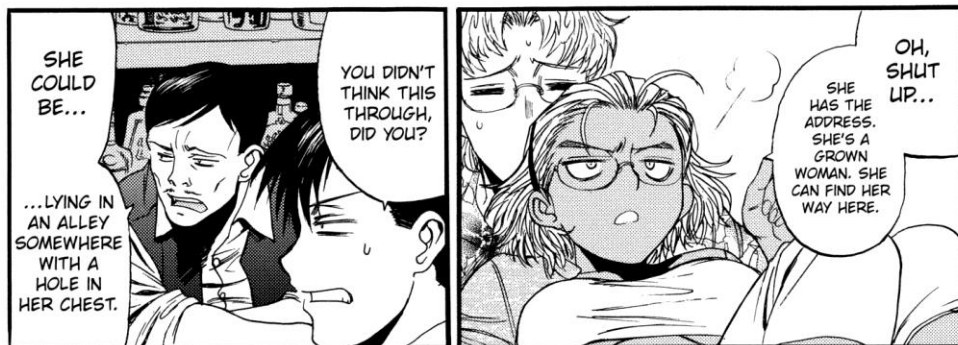
HERE, SUFFOCATE ON THESE!

Moomf

CAN'T YOU TAKE A HINT?!

OH, C'MON. I WOULD NEVER...









THE CIRCUS MONKEY I SAW AS A KID LOOKED LIKE THAT.

IT'S LIKE THE SHICHIGOSAN FESTIVAL.

THAT'S BAD...

WHOEVER TOOK THAT HAD BAD INTENTIONS.

THE CLOTHES ARE WEARING HER INSTEAD.

IT HAS TO BE A HALLOWEEN COSTUME. THIS PICTURE IS A GUARANTEED LAUGH.



I'LL GO WITH YOU. WE CAN'T HAVE HER GOING INTO THE SLUMS.

SHE COULD BE NEAR THE MARKET IN RAM SAP.

JUST BARELY.

WELL ...
AT LEAST I KNOW WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE NOW.

WHAT? WAIT, HOLD ON!

TAKE ME AROUND THE FOOD STALLS IF WE'RE GOING OUT!

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AK

ANYWAY...

WE BETTER FIND HER BEFORE IT GETS DARK.

SHE CAN'T BE DRESSED LIKE THAT ANYMORE.











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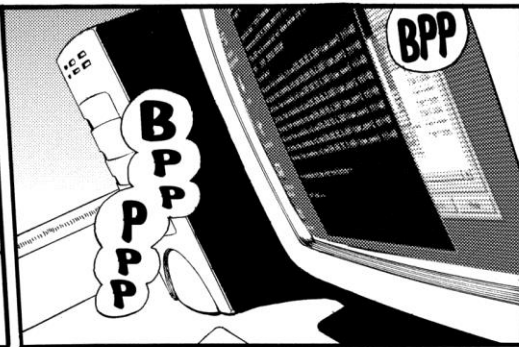
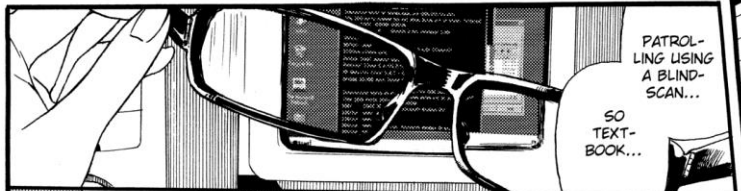
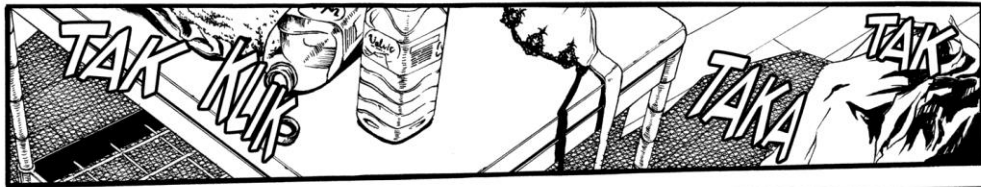
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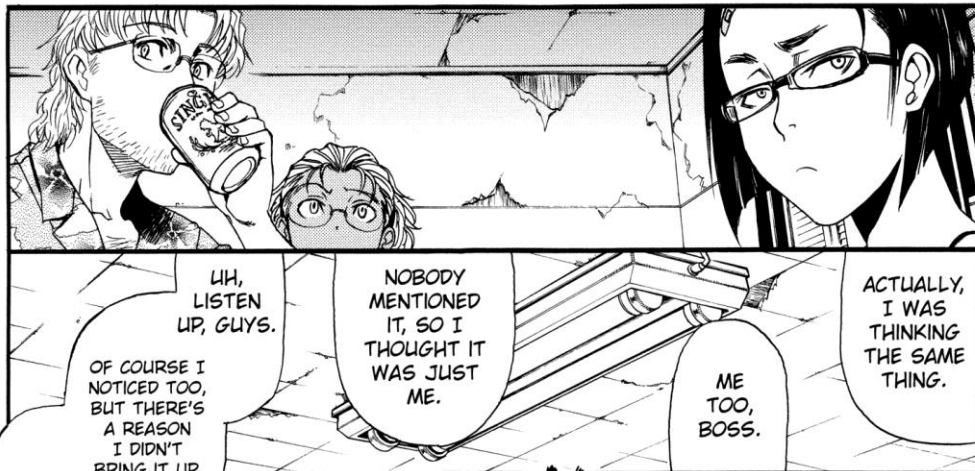
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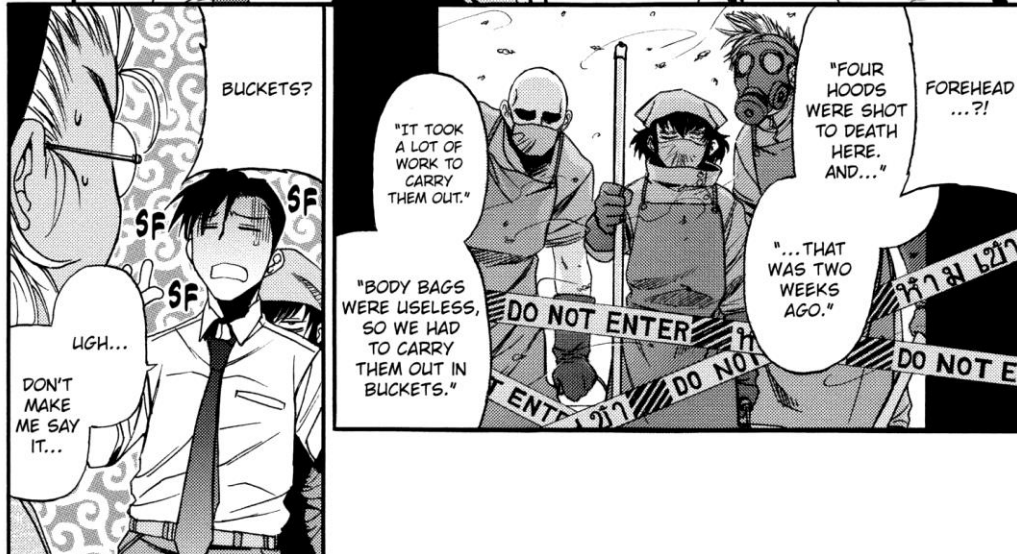


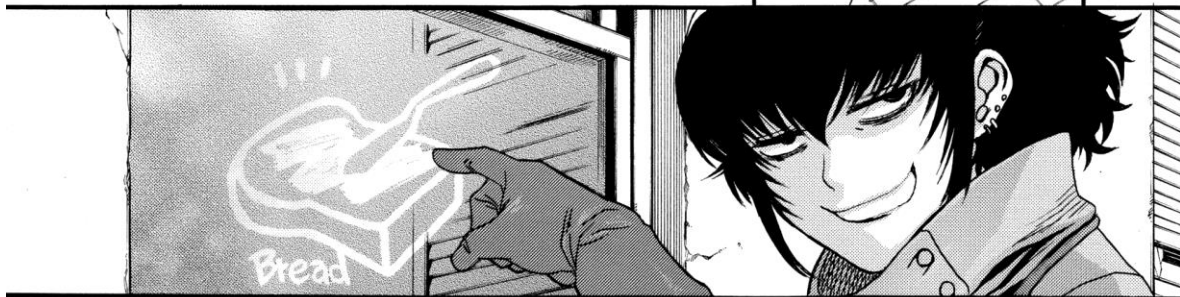
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HUH?

WHAT ?!



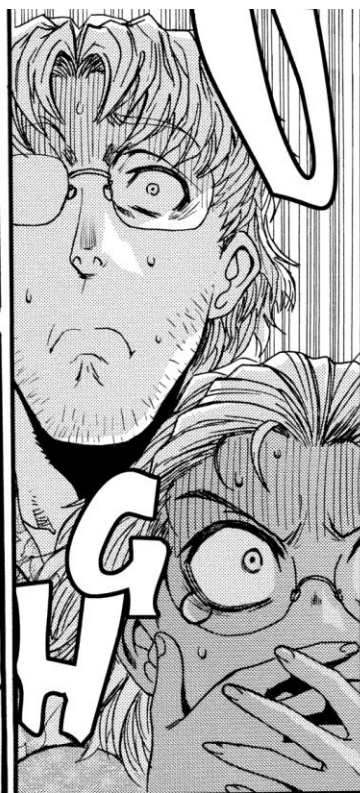
THAT MATTRESS IS THE BREAD...

...AND THE BUTTER IS HUMAN...

I GET IT.

I DON'T WANT TO, BUT I DO.

IGULP



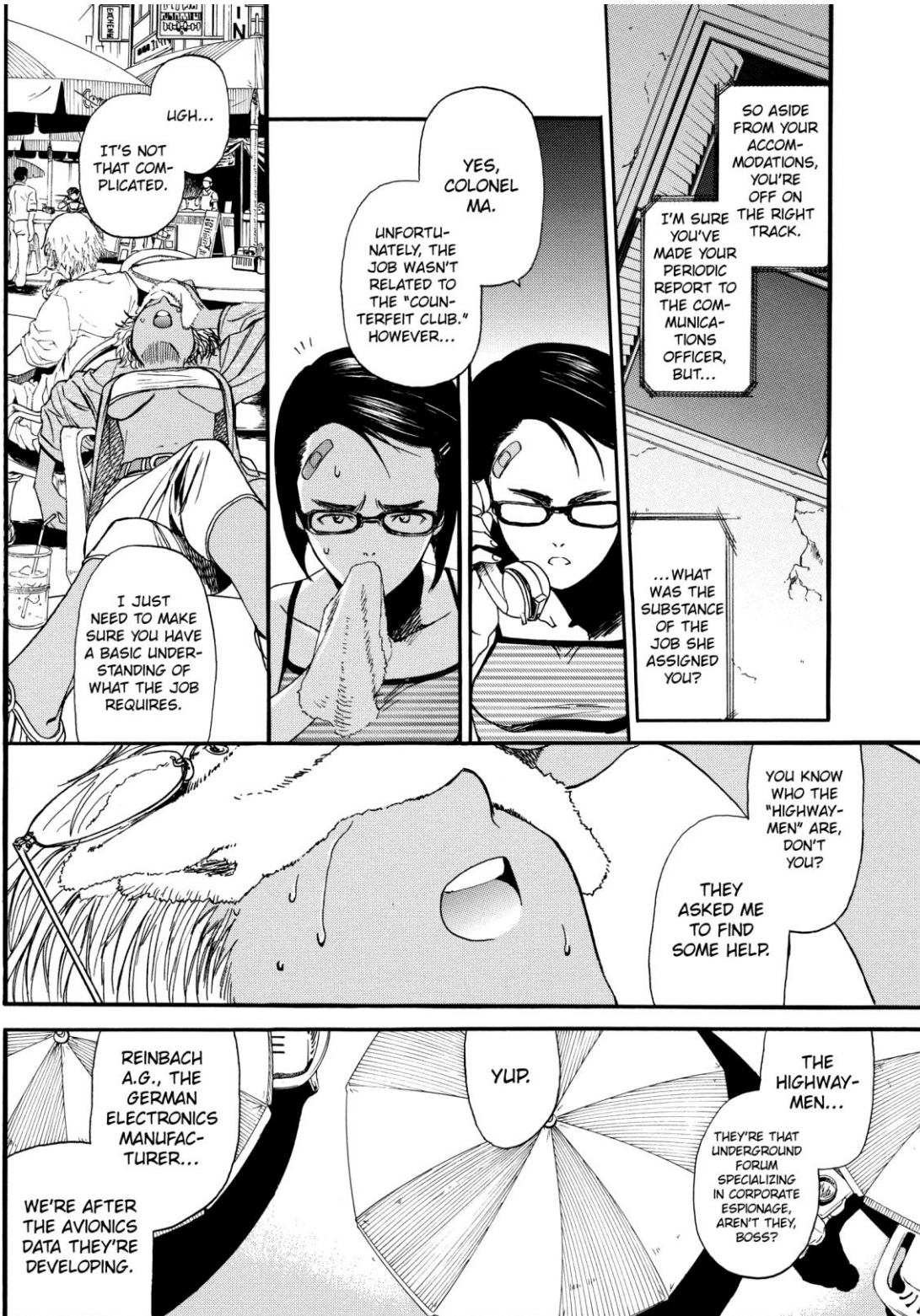
ONCE I COMPLETE THE TASK I HAVE AT HAND...

...I BELIEVE I CAN ADVANCE TO THE NEXT PHASE AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNET GROUP SHE HAS TIES WITH.

PLEASE DON'T BE, SIR.

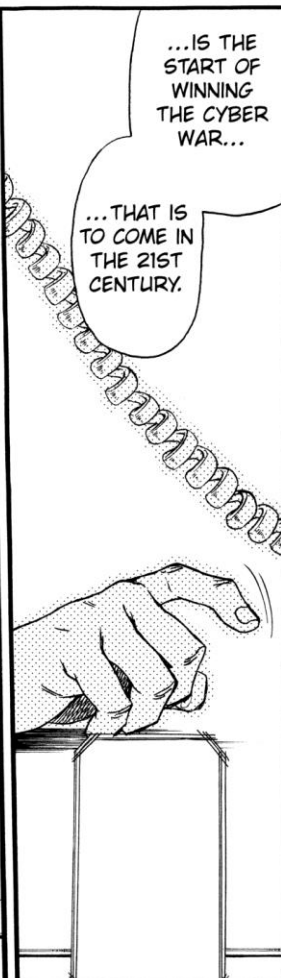
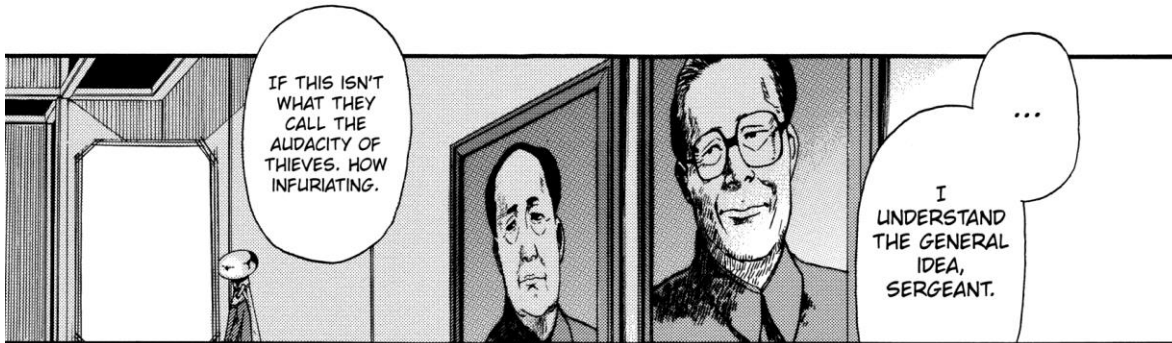
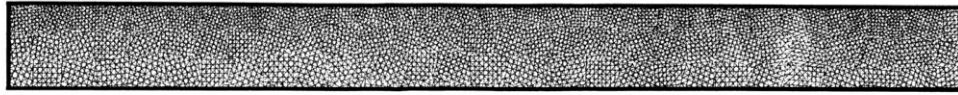
WHAT AN UNPROFES-SIONAL GROUP.

I'M SORRY, SERGEANT.













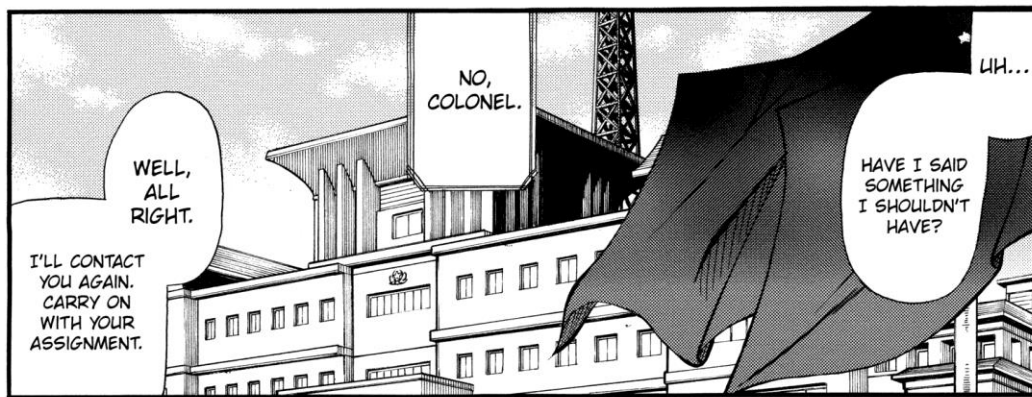
YOUR
FAMILY
MUST
BE...

...SO
PROUD
OF YOU.



I
WOULDN'T
KNOW.

PERHAPS.



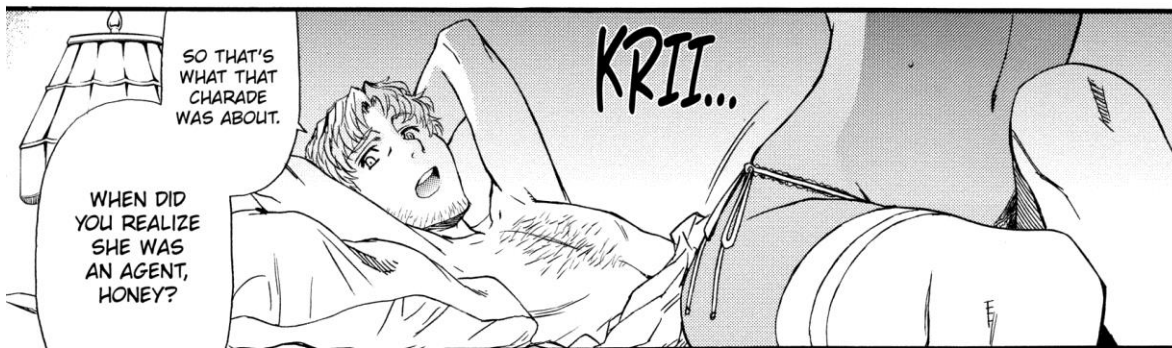
I'LL CONTACT
YOU AGAIN.
CARRY ON
WITH YOUR
ASSIGNMENT.

WELL,
ALL
RIGHT.

NO,
COLONEL.

UH...

HAVE I SAID
SOMETHING
I SHOULDN'T
HAVE?



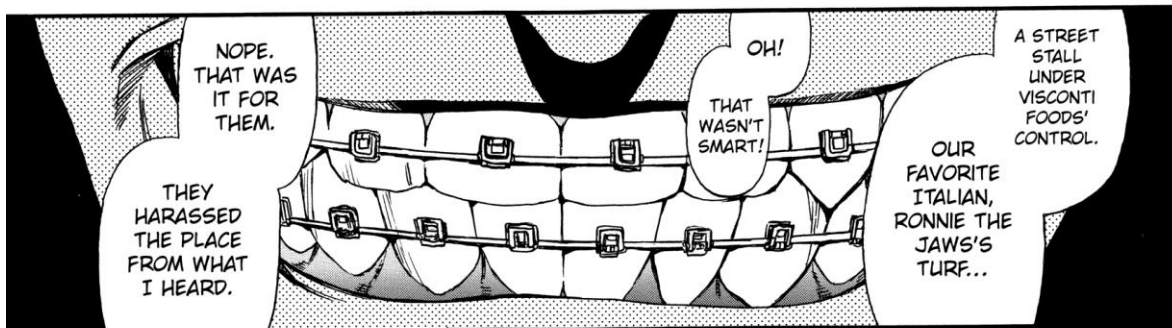
SO THAT'S
WHAT THAT
CHARADE
WAS ABOUT.

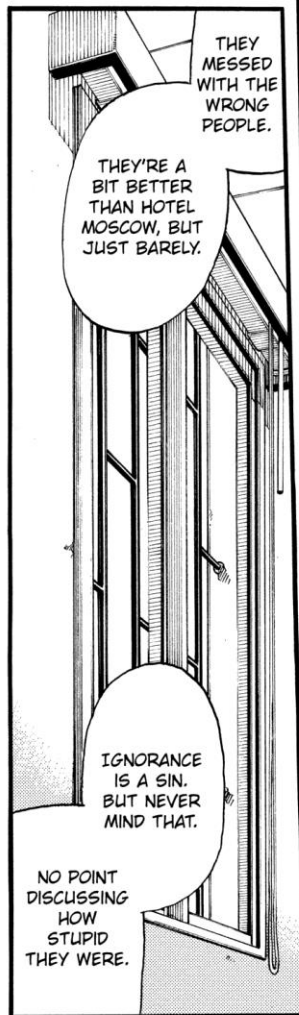
WHEN DID
YOU REALIZE
SHE WAS
AN AGENT,
HONEY?

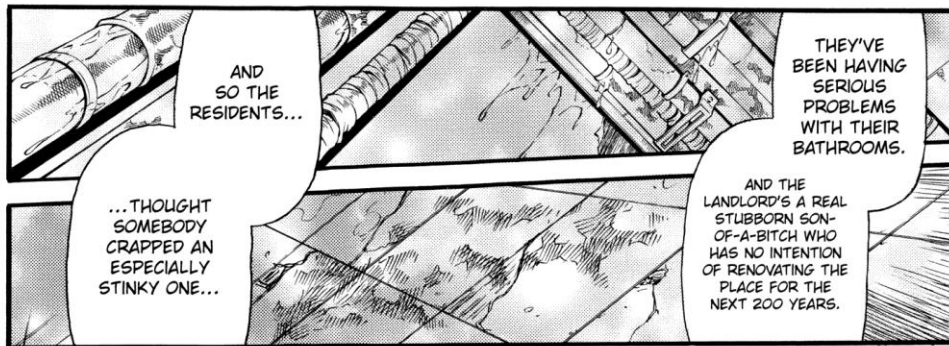
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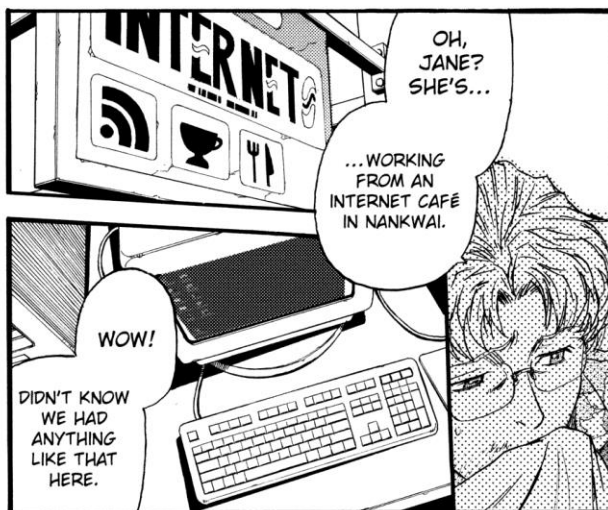


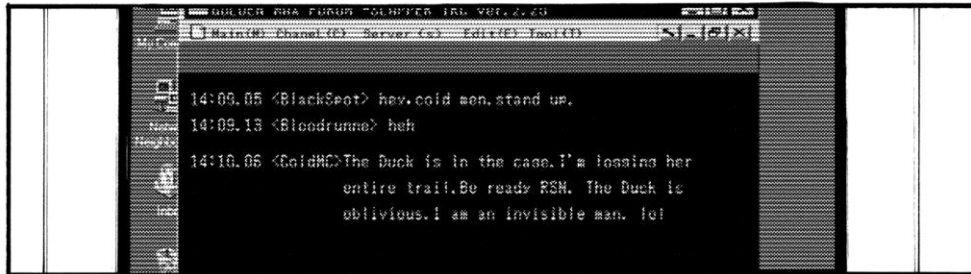












RT. my SE contact at Rheinbach is ready.Any acc by the Duck going beyond the decoy data directly gonna violate the deal.Make sure the countdown is working.All the data she accessed before she it out will be backed up in our regular server.

KTR TR TR TR
KTR

<BlackSpot> fucking funny guy
<Bloodrunne> Here we go.Get everyone ready.

ALL
RIGHT.

WOLFPACK
ON
STANDBY?



17:13.55 <flashbackGold44> fucking funny guy
17:14.11 <Bloodrunne> Here we go.Get everyone ready.
17:15.25 <LDrasoda>Maessie's started.Rheinbach's techs just got busy.







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[root@freeBSD13 ~]# service squid reload
[root@freeBSD13 ~]#rm -rf /var/ool/squid/squid_ca
[BEEP
[root@freeBSD13 ~]# service squid stop
stopping squid .....OK
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WAIT
QUIETLY
TILL HE'S
DONE.

THE
BOSS IS
BUSY
RIGHT
NOW.



WE WON'T
BE HERE
LONG.
WE'LL BE
OUTTA
YOUR HAIR
SOON.



HEY.

WHAT
THE FUCK,
EMILIO?

WHADJA
LET THEM
IN FOR,
GODDAMMIT!



HEY,
EMILIO!

TOMAZZO'S
NOT
AROUND
TODAY?

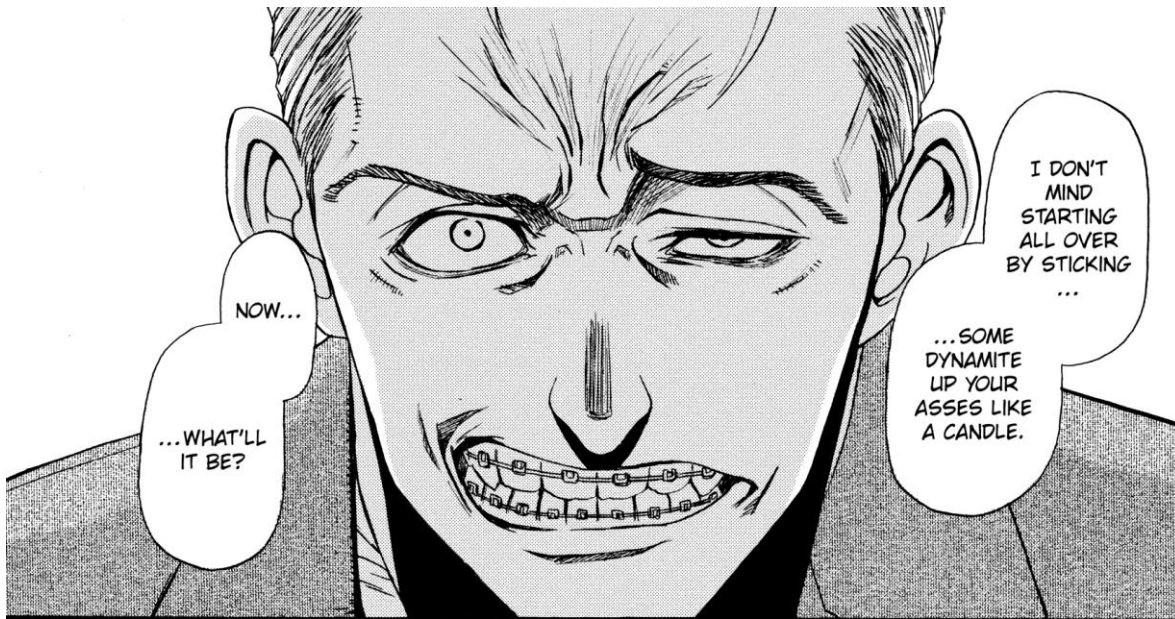
SIGNORE
FALCONE ISN'T
A PART OF
OUR SICILIAN
ORGANIZATION.
HE'S A MEM-
BER OF THE
CAMORRA.

HE'S A
PERSONAL
FRIEND OF
OUR BOSS.











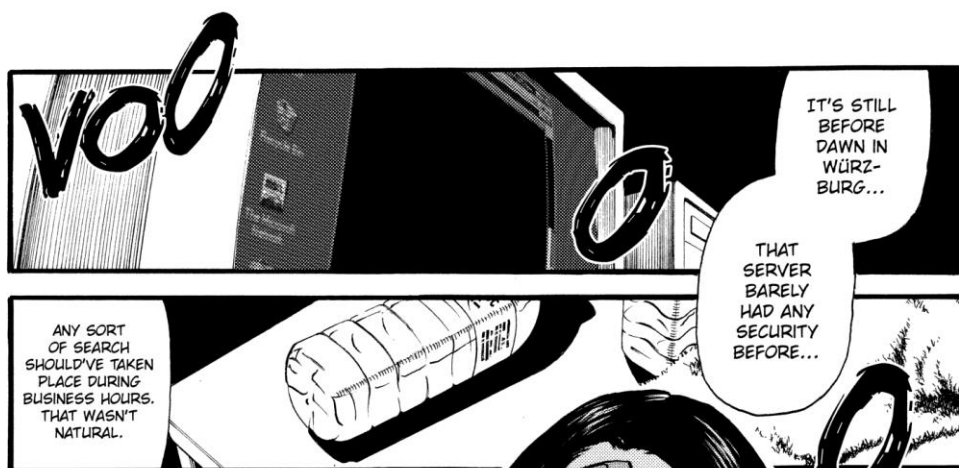


MIND
YOUR OWN
BUSINESS.

I DON'T
WANNA
TALK
ABOUT MY
FAMILY.

THE
KINDA
CLASS...

...WHERE I'D
MAKE SURE
TO COVER
UP YOUR
POOPY WITH A
HANDKERCHIEF,
YEAH?



ANY SORT
OF SEARCH
SHOULD'VE TAKEN
PLACE DURING
BUSINESS HOURS.
THAT WASN'T
NATURAL.

IT'S STILL
BEFORE
DAWN IN
WÜRZ-
BURG...

THAT
SERVER
BARELY
HAD ANY
SECURITY
BEFORE...



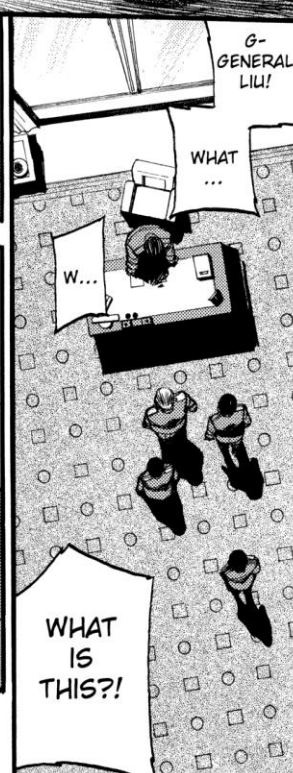
I
DON'T
GET IT.

SOME-
THING'S
NOT RIGHT!

IT
DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE...

WHY WOULD
THEY GET
SUSPICIOUS
AND PUT UP
A COUNTER-
MEASURE
THEN?





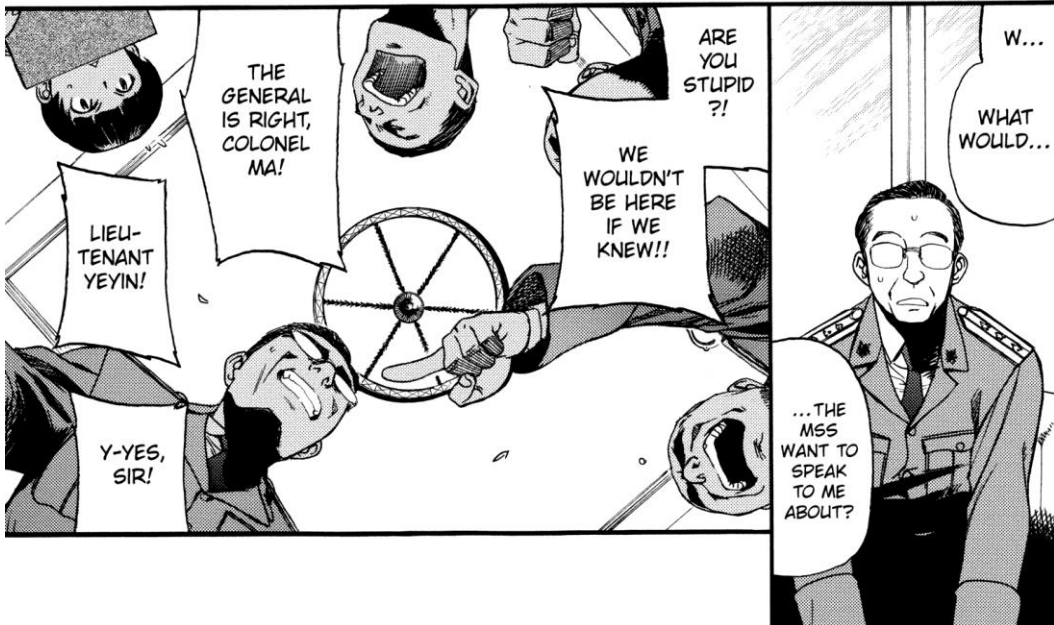


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CHANG'AN
AVENUE,
COLONEL
MA.

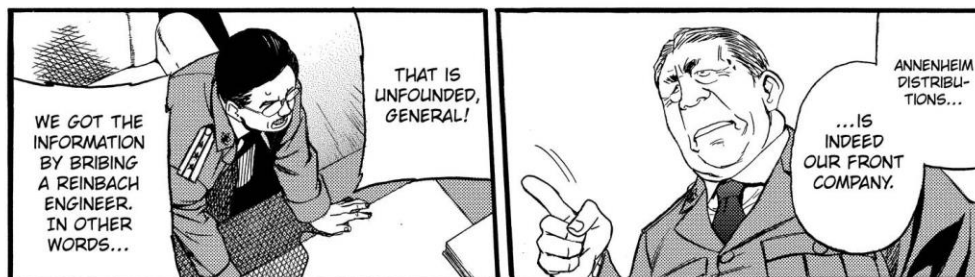
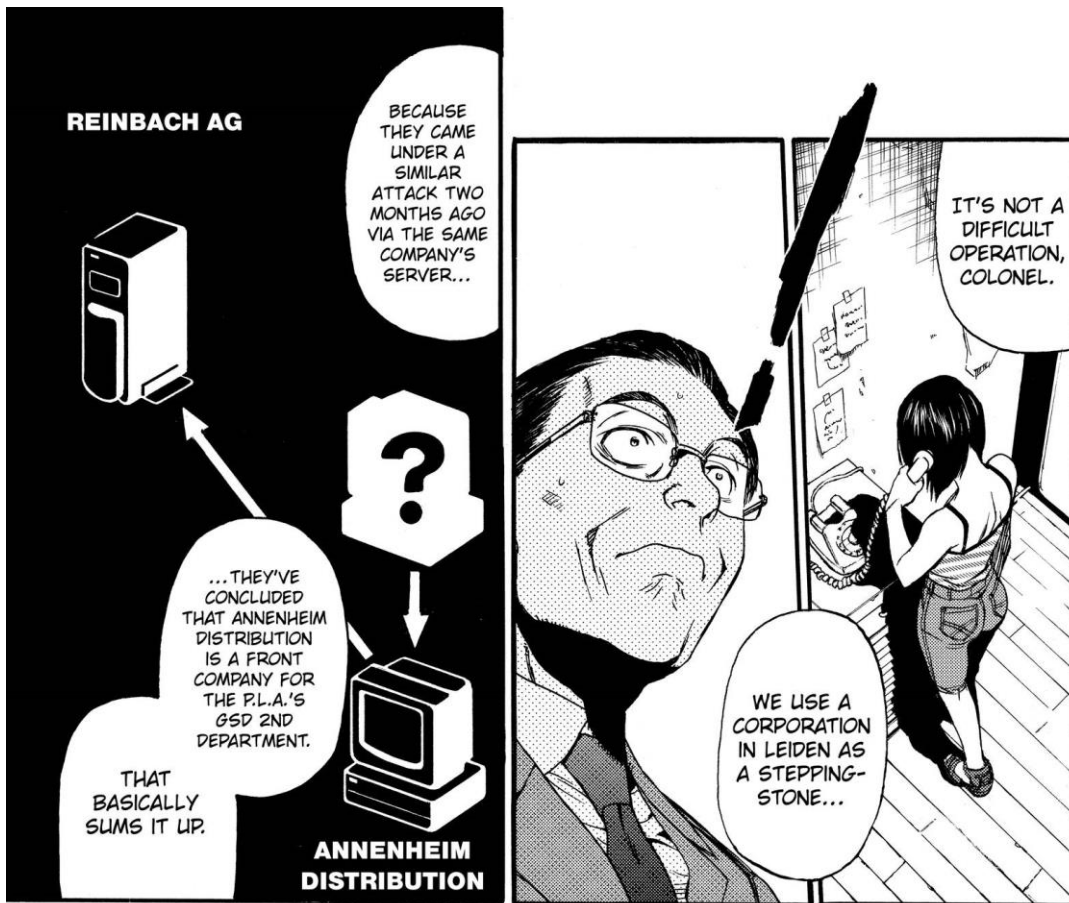


WHO
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...WAS
IT, SIR?

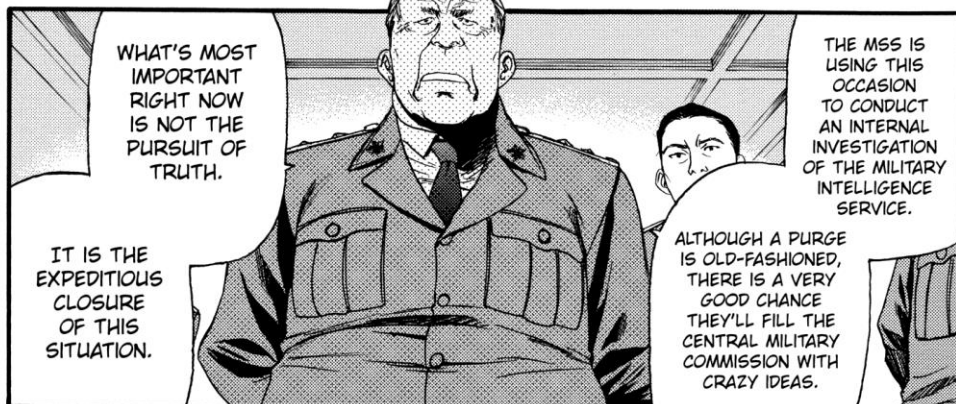




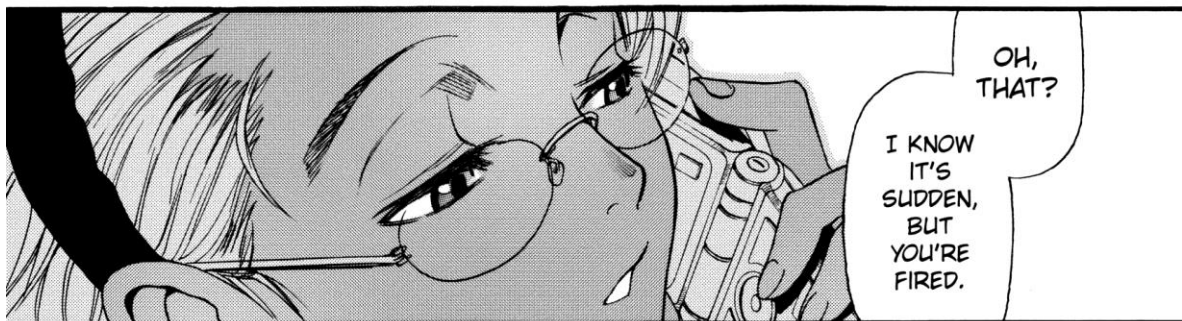


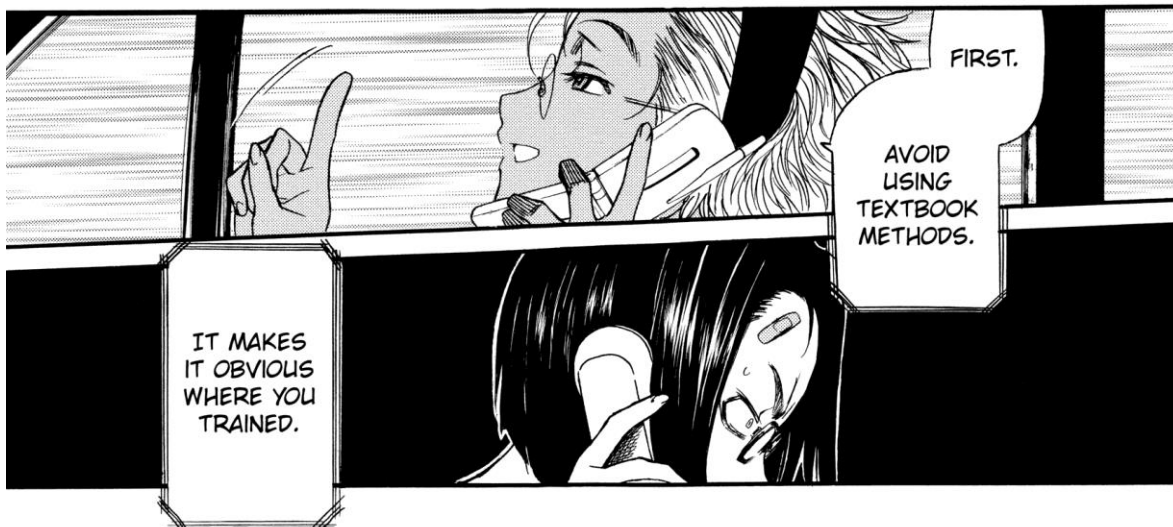




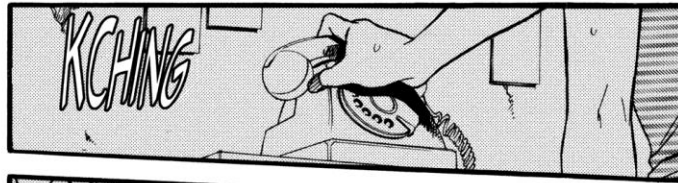
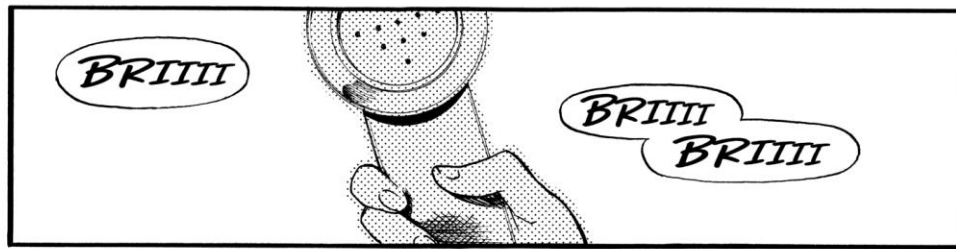


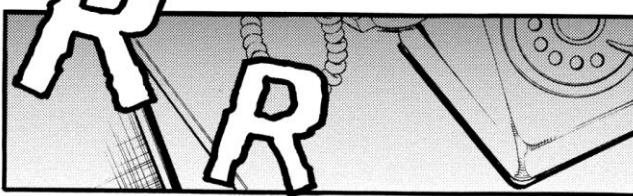
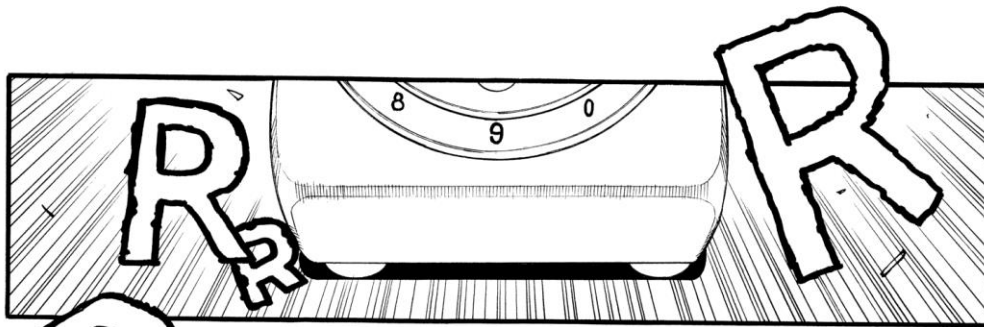


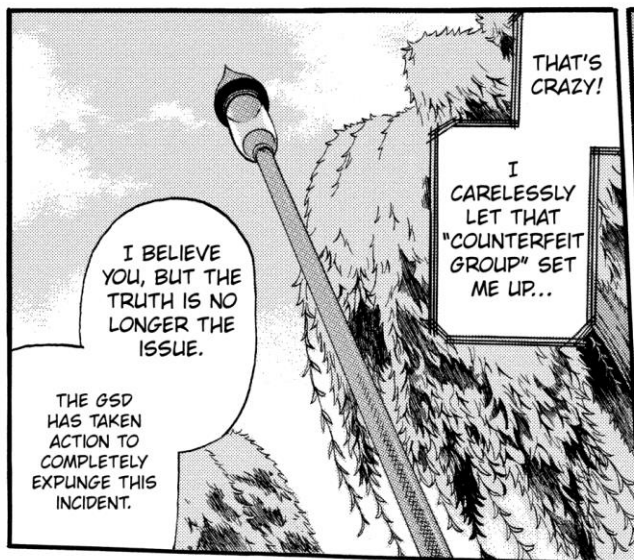










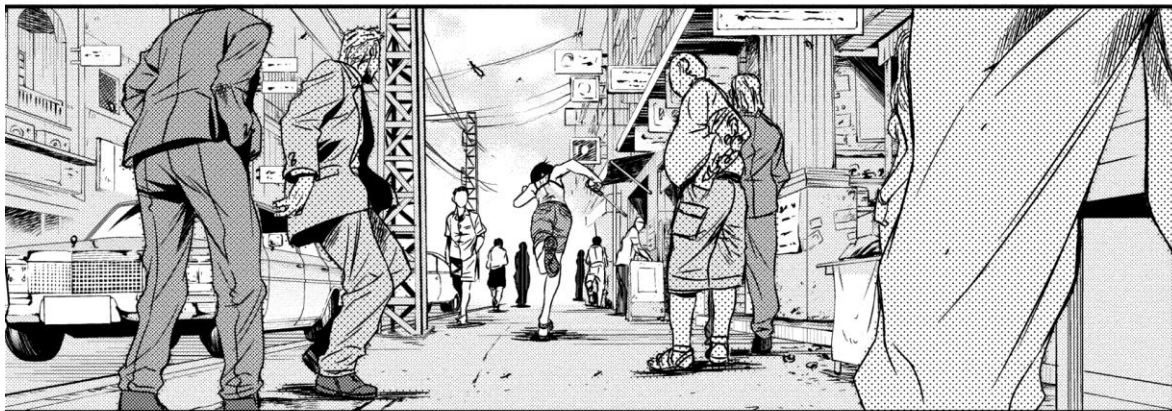














BUT SHE'S A BONAFIDE FUCK FREAK.

BENNY.

I DON'T CARE IF YOU SAY NICE THINGS ABOUT HER. I THINK IT'S GREAT YOU SPEAK HIGHLY OF YOUR GIRL.



I WISH YOU DIDN'T FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT JANE, REVY.

SURE, SHE CAN BE RUDE SOMETIMES, BUT IF YOU CAN IGNORE THAT, SHE'S NOT A BAD PERSON...



IF THAT'S "A BIT" THEN DEATH VALLEY IS A SANDBOX IN THE PARK.

NO WAY IN HELL I'M GONNA BE A SPECTATOR TO YOUR ALL-NIGHT FUCK FEST.

THAT'S NOT NICE.

SHE'S A BIT LIBERAL WHEN IT COMES TO SEX, BUT THAT'S ALL IT IS.



DON'T KID YOURSELF.

AS IF I'D TAKE A HANDOUT FROM YOU, YOU FOUR-EYED MONKEY.

OH, IS THAT RIGHT?

AND HERE I WAS THINKING OF HIRING YOU AS A PURSER SINCE WE MADE QUITE A BIT THIS TIME.

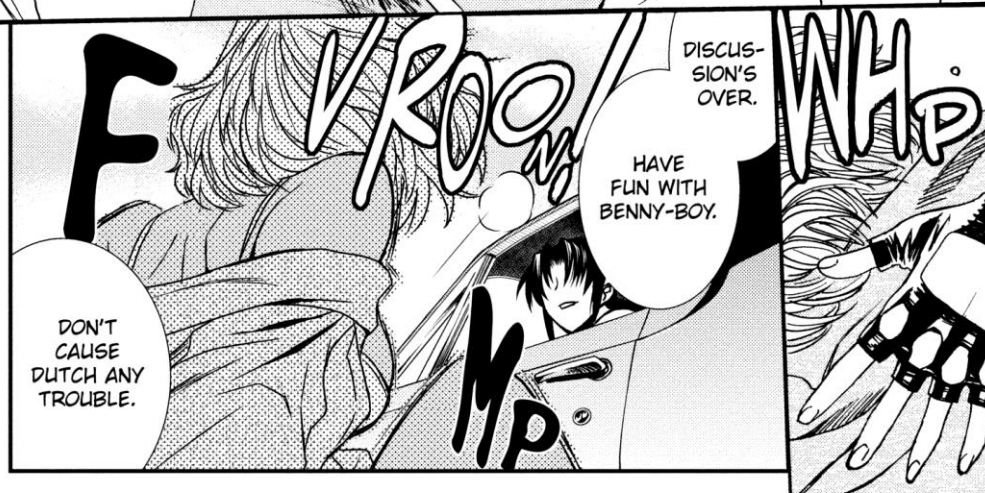


...I'LL SHELL OUT A LITTLE MORE SO YOUR JAPANESE BOYFRIEND CAN COME WITH US...

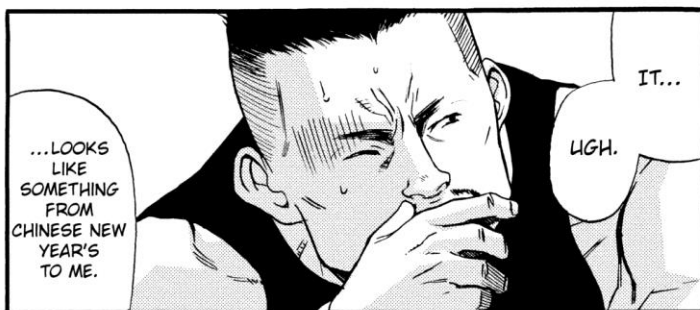
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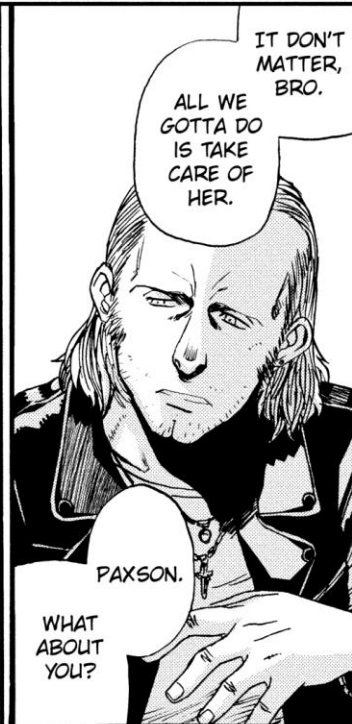
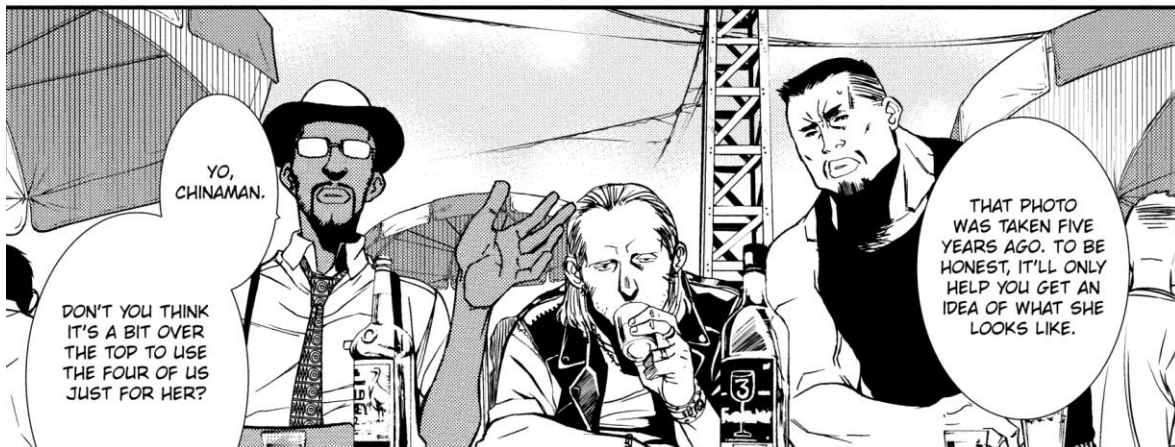
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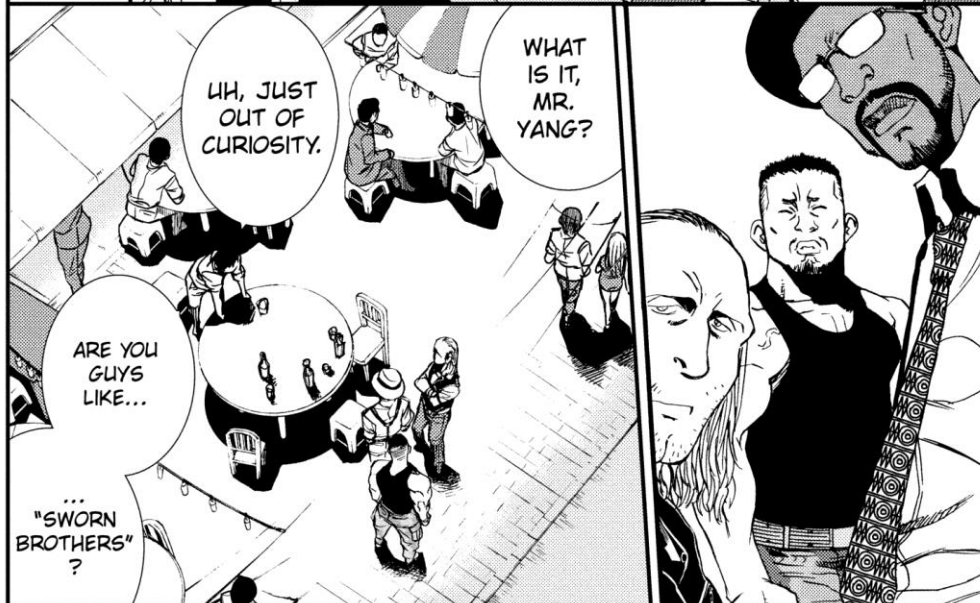














...THERE'S SOME OVERLAP.

WE'RE REAL BROTHERS, MR. YANG.

WE EACH HAVE DIFFERENT MOTHERS AND FATHERS, BUT...

THUNK

I THOUGHT YOU'D GET CURIOUS RIGHT AWAY.

YOU'RE SLOW ON THE UPTAKE.



WAIT!

I GET THAT, BUT THERE'S ONE MORE THING...

TELL HIM, ROB.



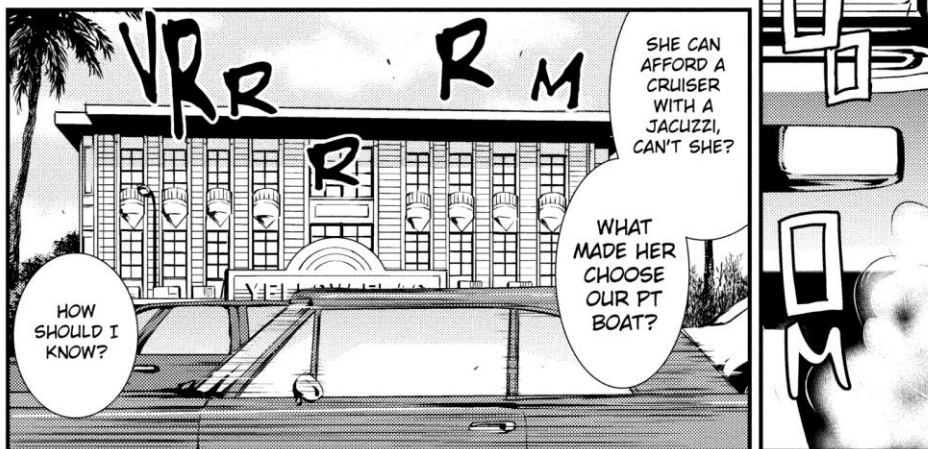
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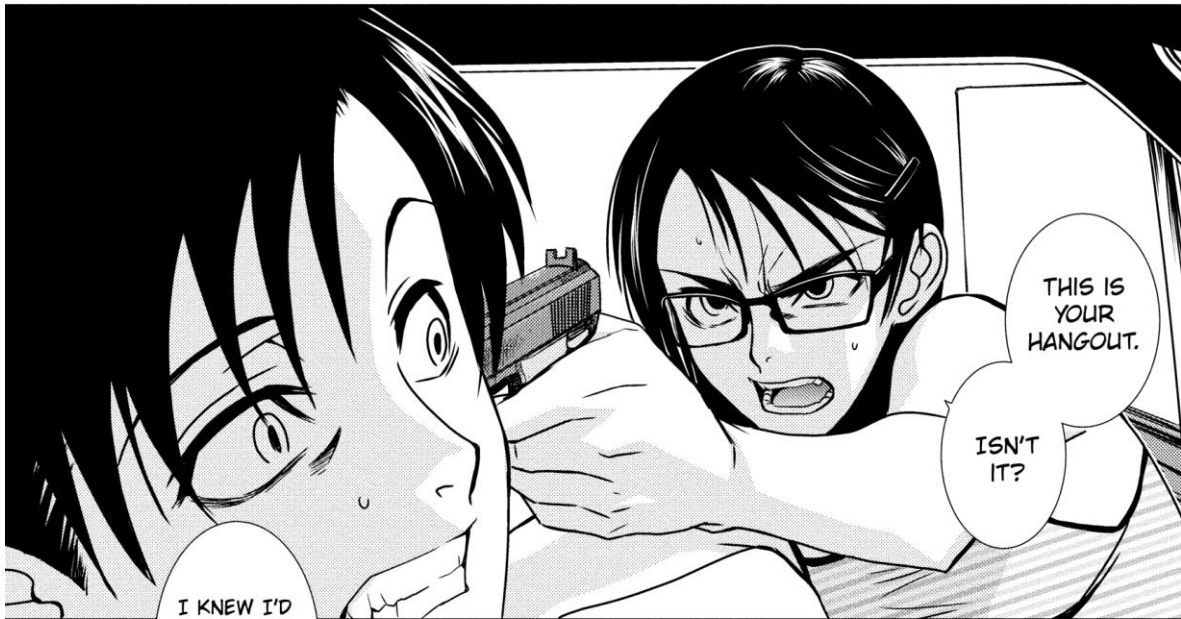
...IS IT ONLY YOU THREE?

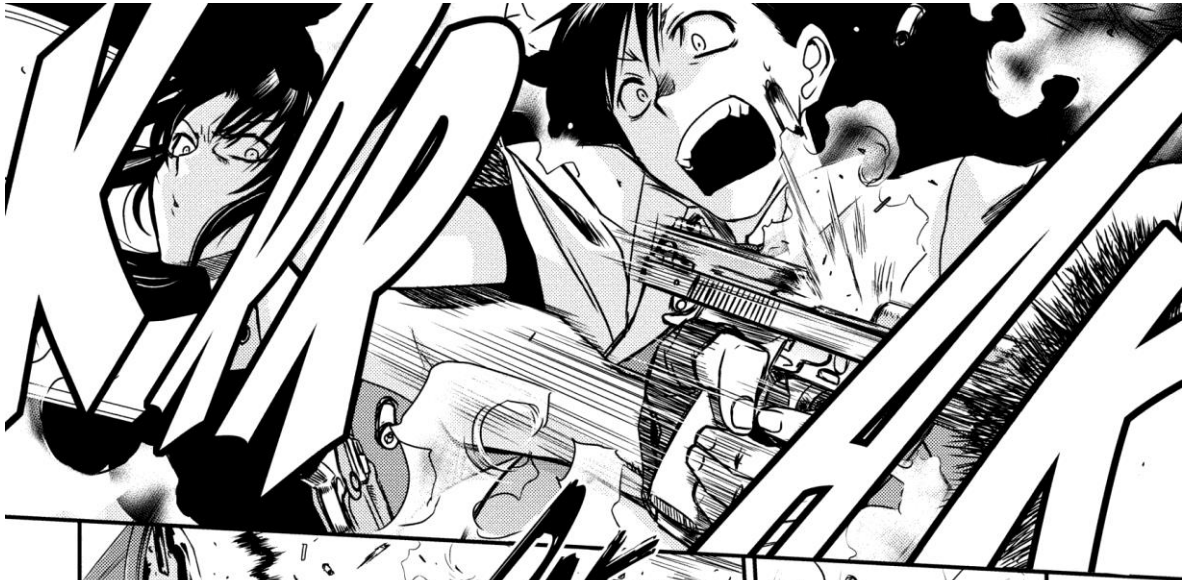
YOU SAID "THE FOUR OF US"...











THAT'S
HOT,
HOT!



HOT,
HOT,
HOT,
HOT!

THE
CASINGS!
AGH!









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CAN I SHOOT
THE GUYS
IN THE
PLYMOUTH
TOO?

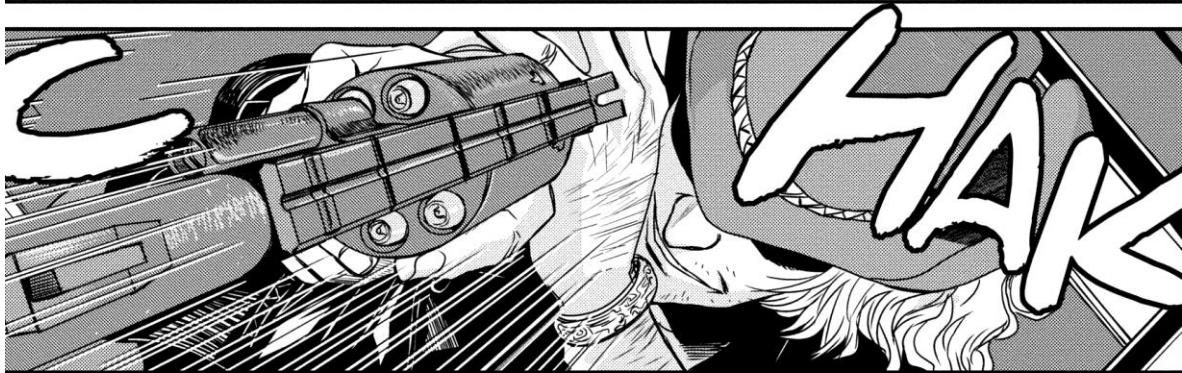
BRO?

GO
AHEAD.
S'GOD'S
WILL.

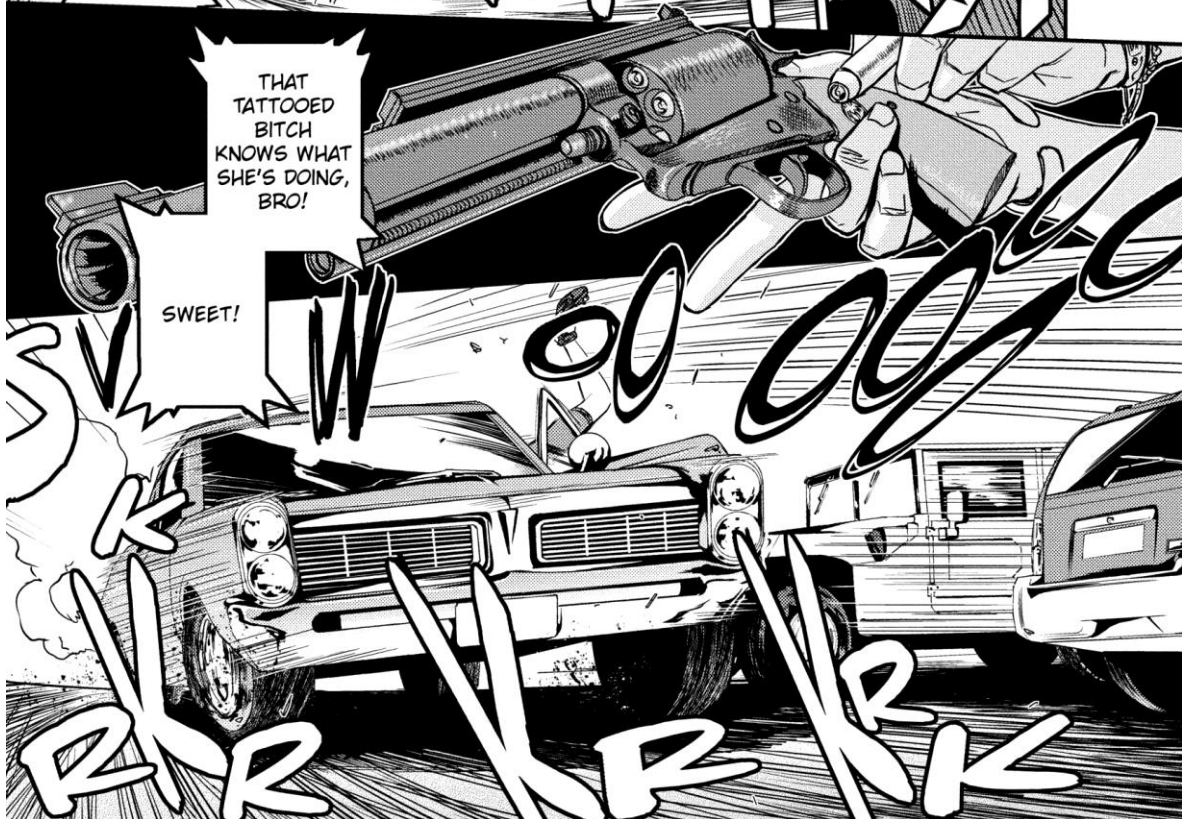
CAN'T
MISS
FROM THIS
DISTANCE.

YOU
SHOULD
ALWAYS
OBEY THE
LORD'S
GUIDANCE,
ROB.

AK



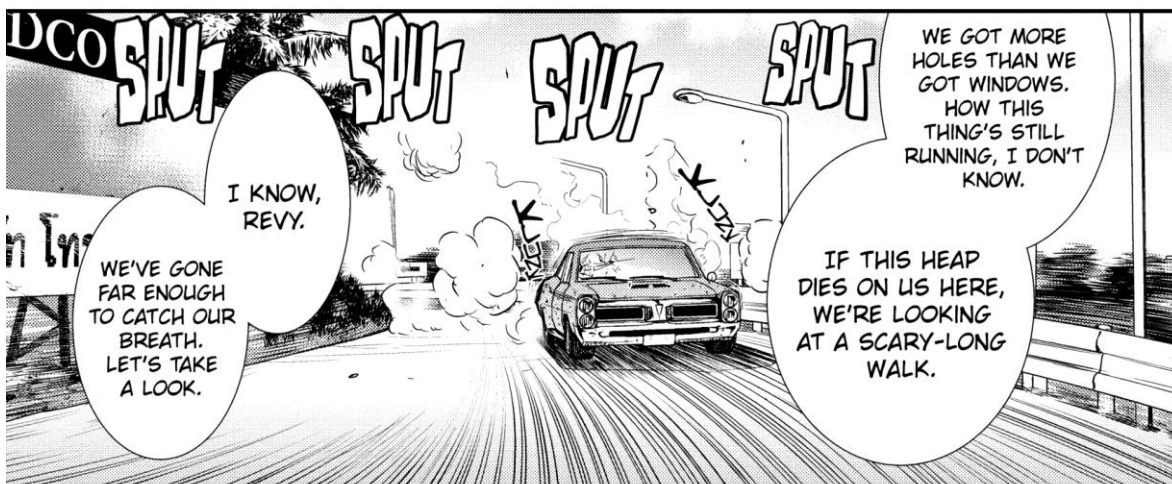










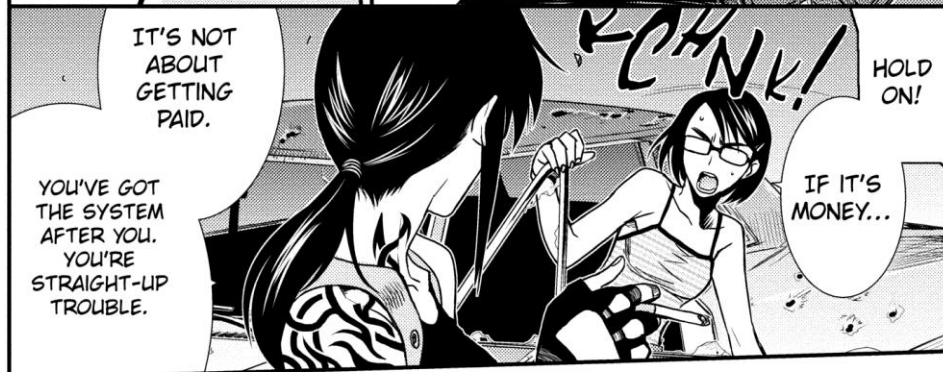














YOU'RE RIGHT.

OKAY.

I UNDERSTAND.

KZLK



...FROM THE PEOPLE WHO WANT YOUR LIFE.



THERE'S ONLY ONE CHOICE LEFT FOR YOU IN THIS WORLD.

RUN AS FAR AWAY AS YOU CAN...



FW

...AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE, IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH, AFTER ALL, IS ME.

SO THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS GOD-FORSAKEN PLACE...



BUT STILL...

I WILL SURVIVE.

I WON'T TRY TO REASON OR BARGAIN WITH YOU ANYMORE.



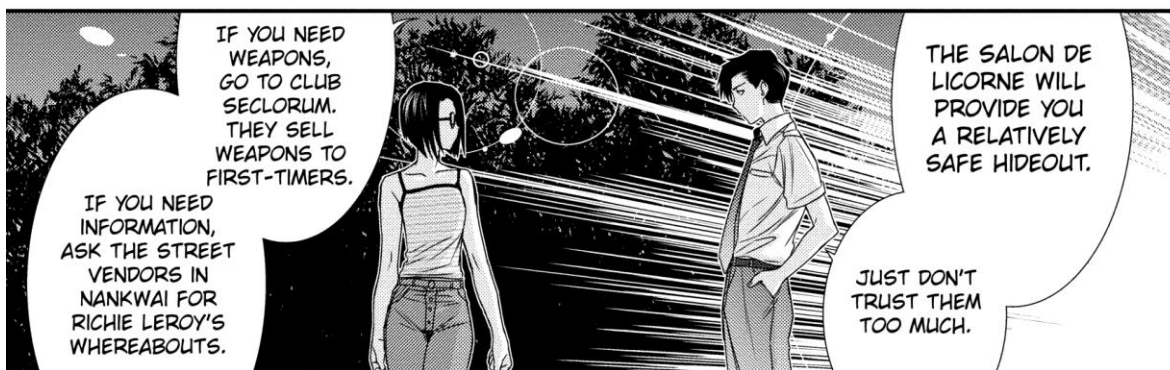








MISS
FENG.



IF YOU NEED
WEAPONS,
GO TO CLUB
SECLORUM.
THEY SELL
WEAPONS TO
FIRST-TIMERS.

IF YOU NEED
INFORMATION,
ASK THE STREET
VENDORS IN
NANKWAI FOR
RICHIE LEROY'S
WHEREABOUTS.

THE SALON DE
LICORNE WILL
PROVIDE YOU
A RELATIVELY
SAFE HIDEOUT.

JUST DON'T
TRUST THEM
TOO MUCH.



SHOW
HIM
THIS...

...AND HE
SHOULD
GO OUT OF
HIS WAY TO
HELP YOU.



BUT
WHY?

I THOUGHT
YOU DIDN'T
WANT TO BE
INVOLVED?

THANKS...







YOU JUST
TURNED
AROUND WITH
A TORMENTED
LOOK...
...AND
DESPERATELY
STARTED
TELLING
ME HOW TO
SURVIVE.

I DIDN'T
MEAN TO
TEASE
YOU.
THAT WAS
THE ONLY WAY
I COULD REPAY
YOU FOR YOUR
KINDNESS RIGHT
NOW. BESIDES...

I'M NOT
A GOOD
PERSON...

EVEN KIDS
DON'T LIKE
ME.

I DIDN'T
THINK
ANYBODY IN
THIS TOWN
COULD LOOK
LIKE THAT.

?

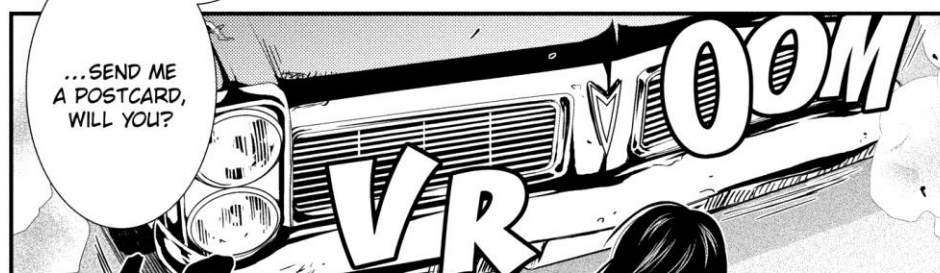
KIDS
...?

FORGET
IT...

ANYWAY,
FROM
HERE ON
OUT...

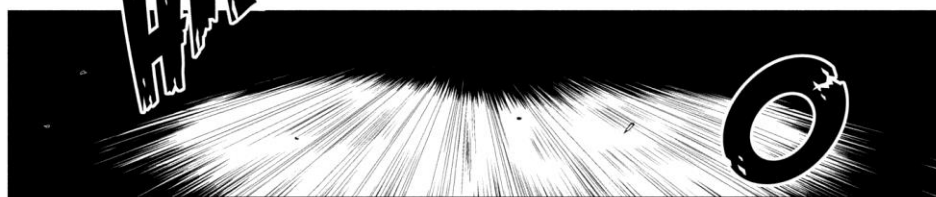
...A GOOD
PERSON.

YOU'RE
PROBABLY
...





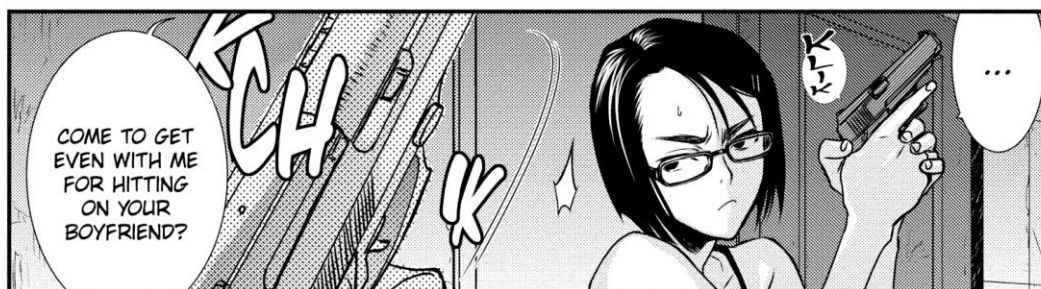
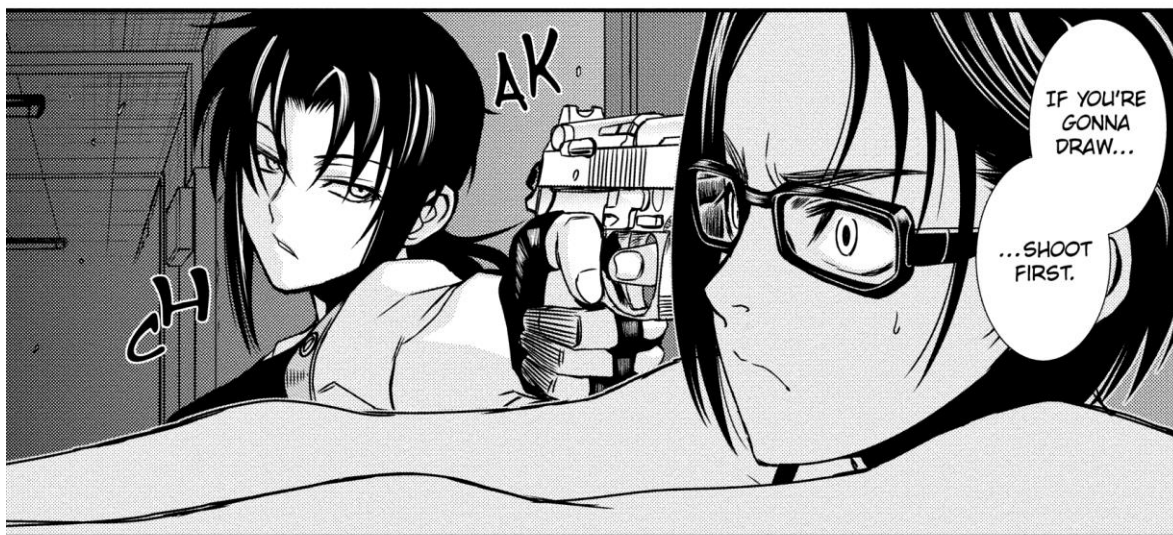
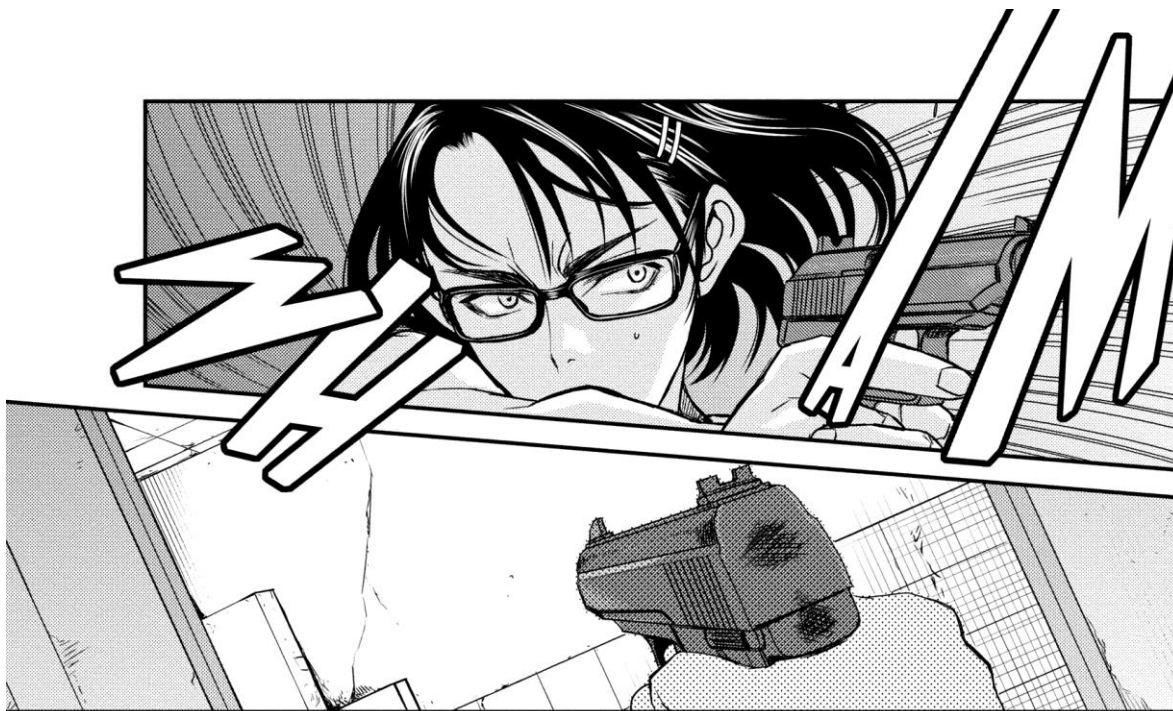






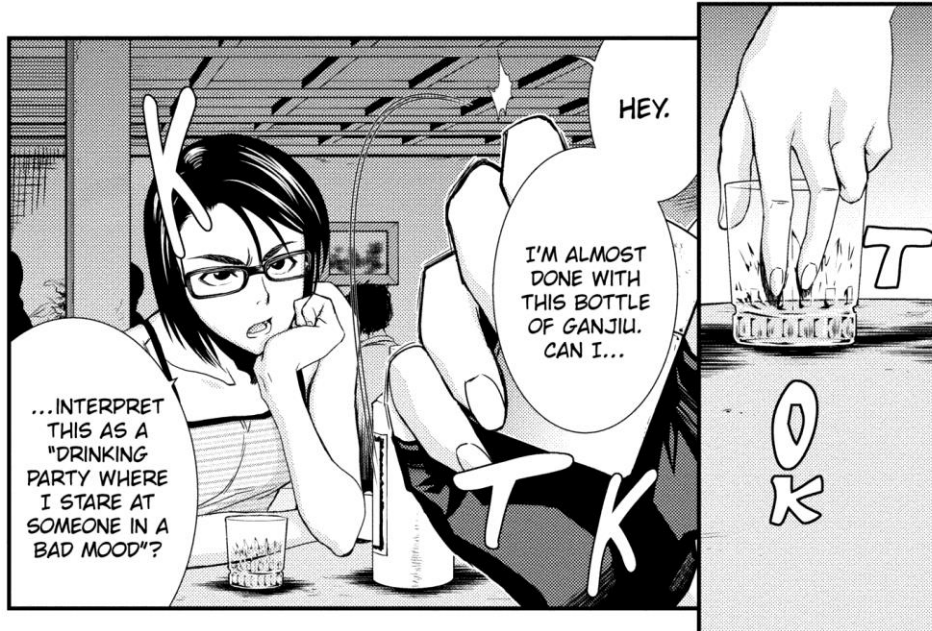


















THERE'S A CHANCE SOMETHING COULD GO...

...SERIOUSLY WRONG BY MIXING YOU UP IN THIS.

IF THEY FIND OUT ABOUT IT SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE...

...THE TIME TO REGRET IT WOULD BE NOW.



WELL ...

I'M NOT SURE.



DON'T TALK IN RIDDLES.

IF YOU WANT TO PARTNER UP, SHARE SOME INFORMATION.



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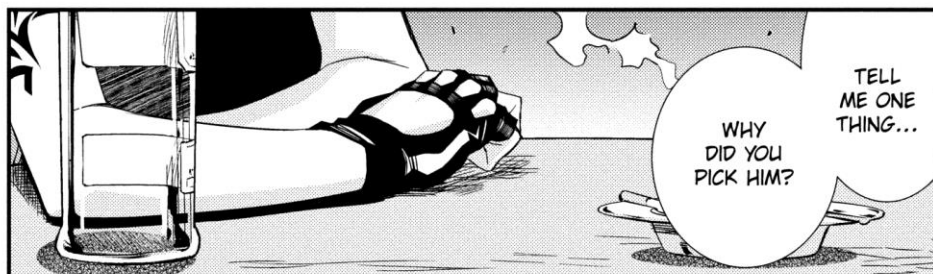
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



ONCE YOU TAKE A BREATH...

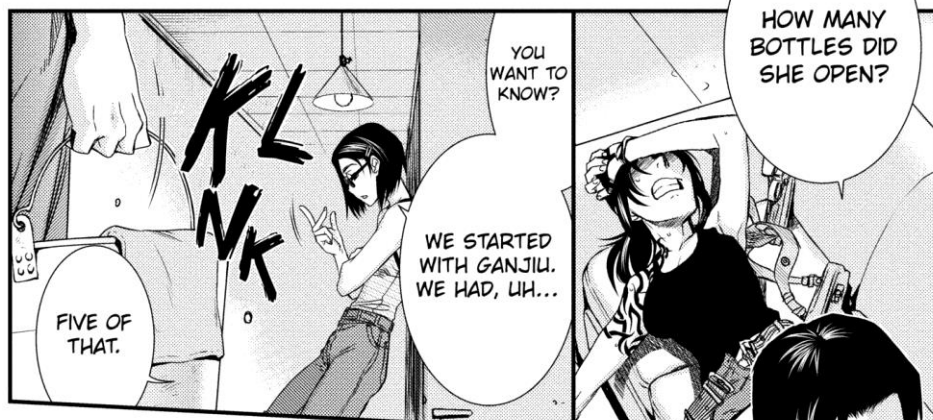
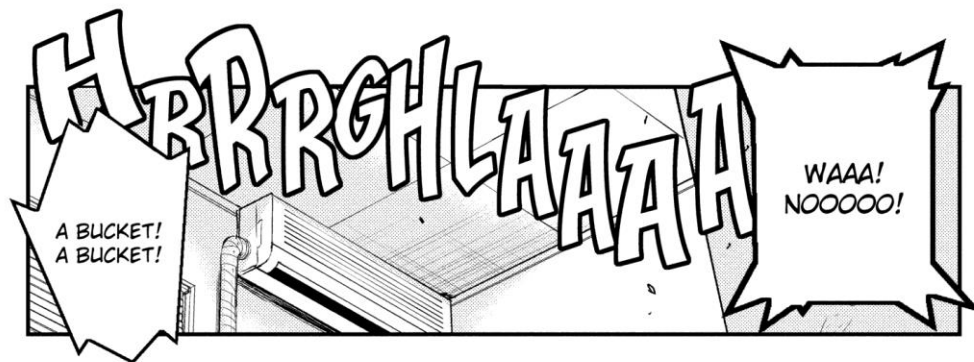
...ALL YOU CAN DO IS GO FORWARD.











YEAH,
THAT'S
IT...

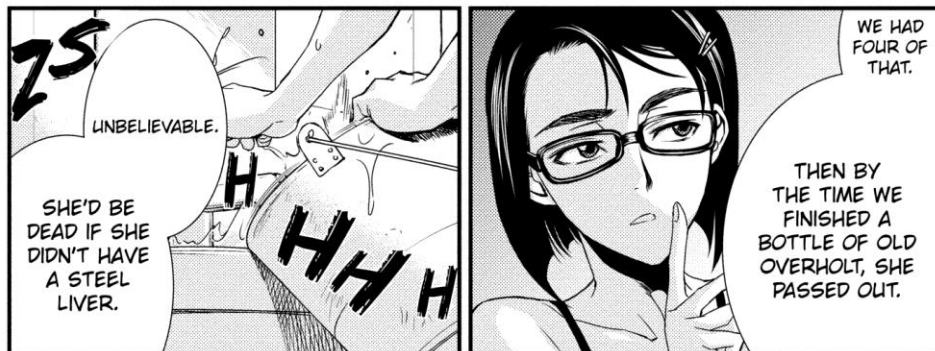
THEN WE HAD
THAT ONE THE
PIRATES DRANK
IN TREASURE
ISLAND. WHAT
WAS IT...?

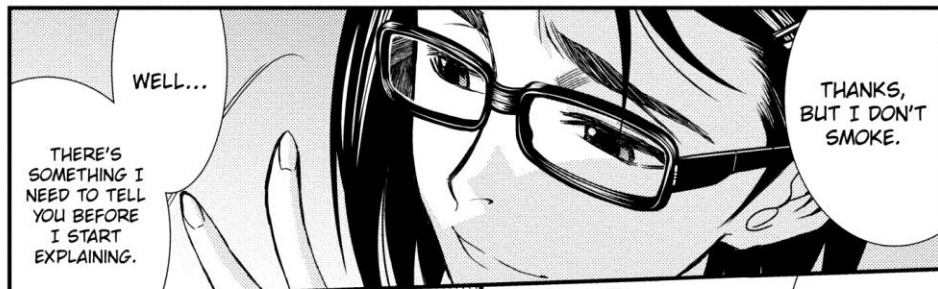
WE STARTED
WITH GANJILI.
WE HAD, UH...

YOU
WANT TO
KNOW?

HOW MANY
BOTTLES DID
SHE OPEN?

I KNOW
SHE'S NO
LIGHTWEIGHT.
IT MUST'VE
BEEN QUITE
A BIT.





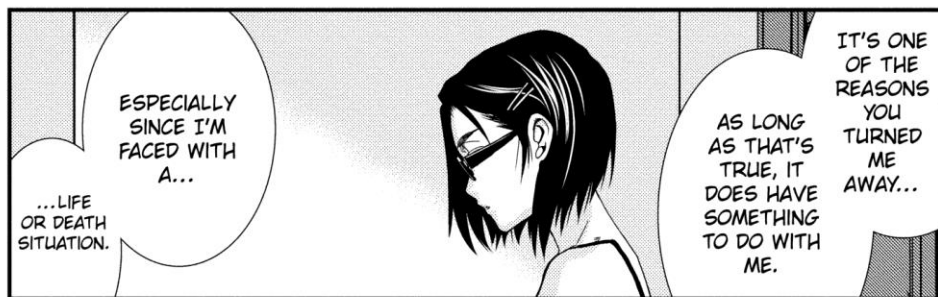




THAT'S ALL GOT...

...NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

...

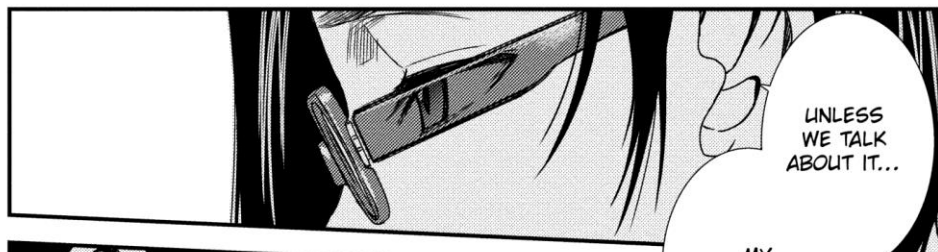


...LIFE OR DEATH SITUATION.

ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M FACED WITH A...

AS LONG AS THAT'S TRUE, IT DOES HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ME.

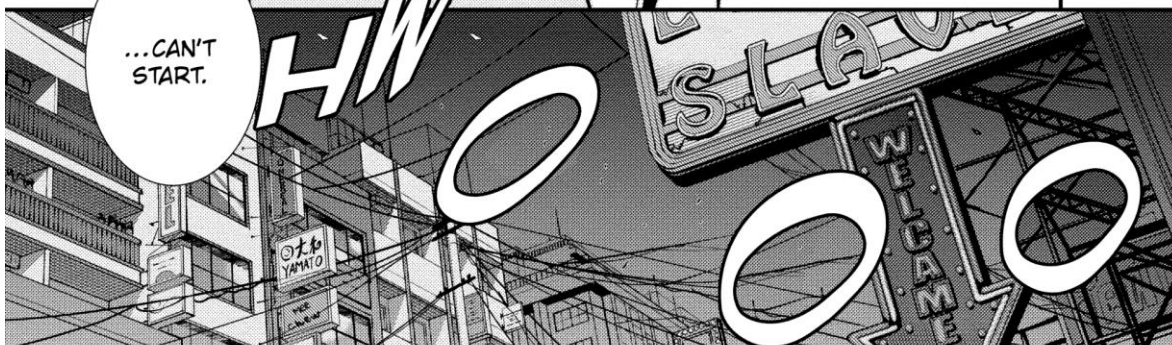
IT'S ONE OF THE REASONS YOU TURNED ME AWAY...



UNLESS WE TALK ABOUT IT...

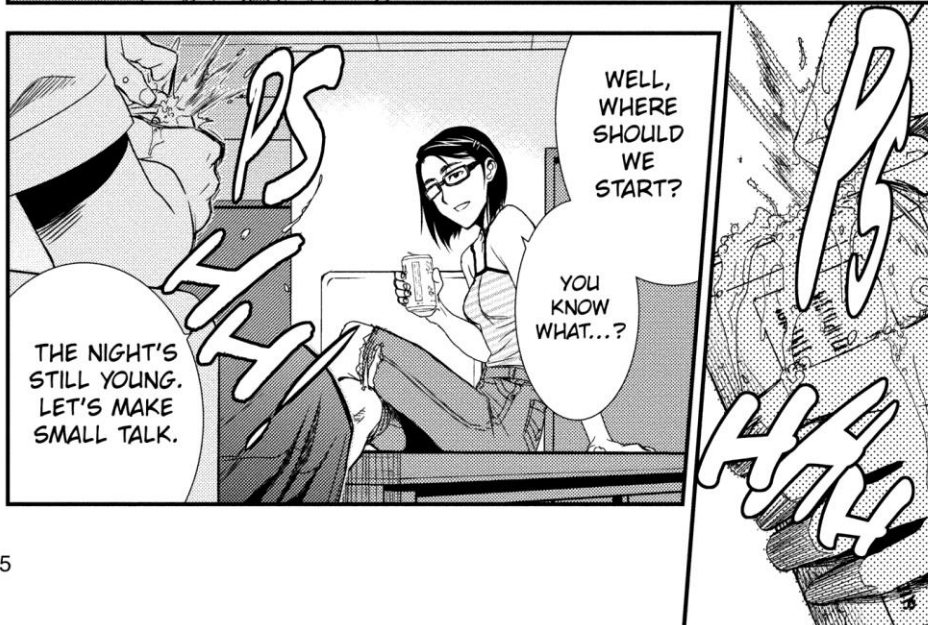
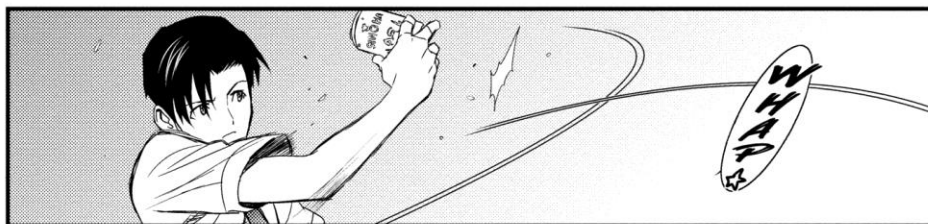


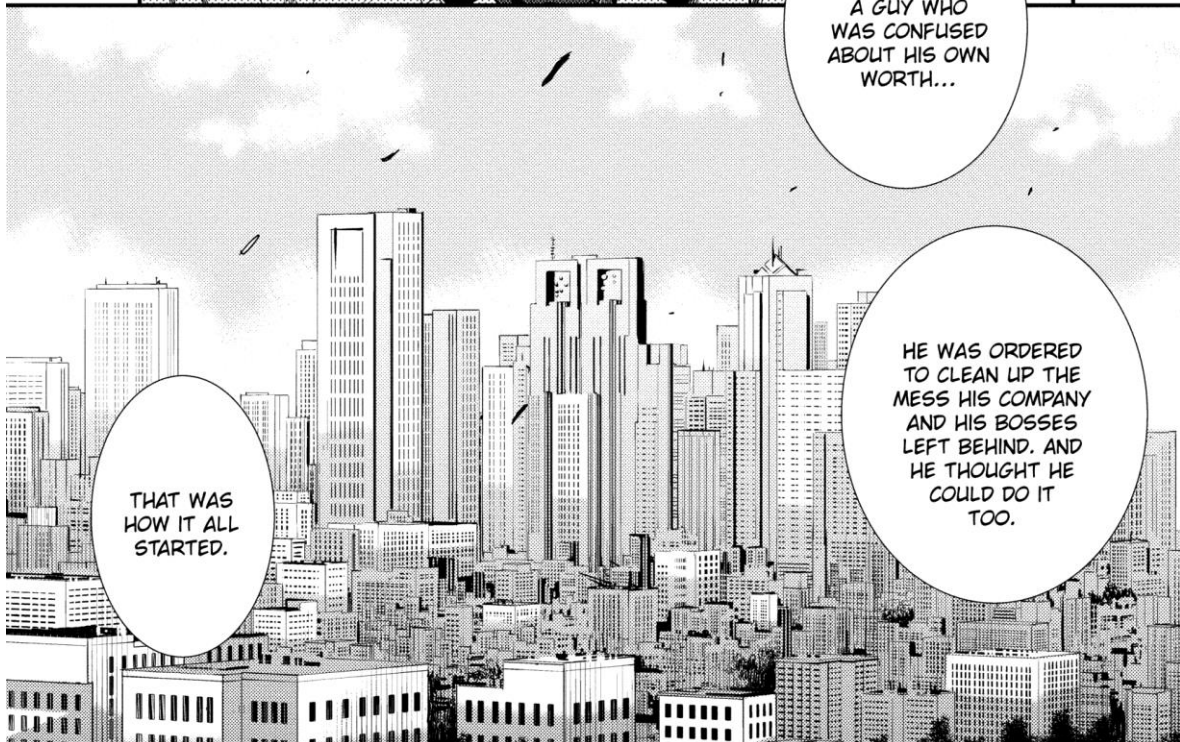
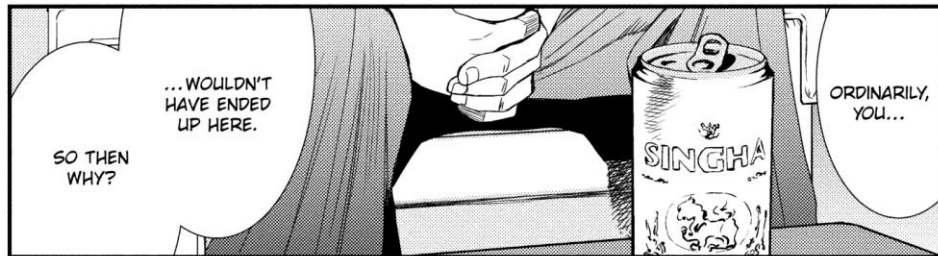
...MY BATTLE...



...CAN'T START.







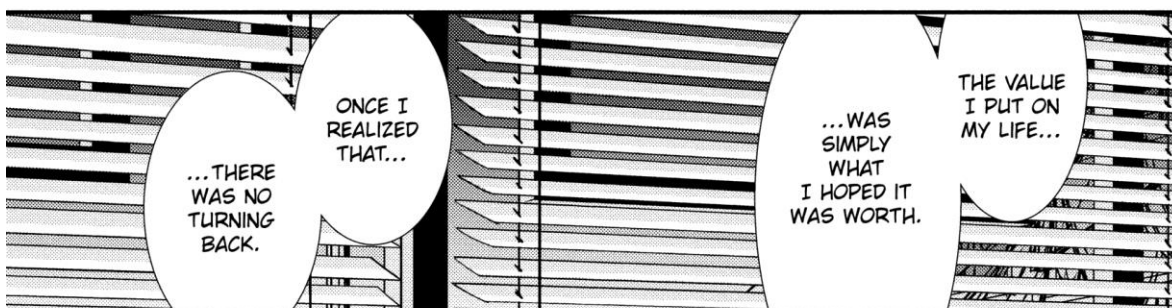




...WAS ALSO
A MISGUIDED
ASSUMPTION.

I REALIZED
SOMETHING
ELSE WHEN
I LEARNED
MY VALUE.

THE VALUE
I PLACED
ON WHERE I
WAS IN MY
LIFE...

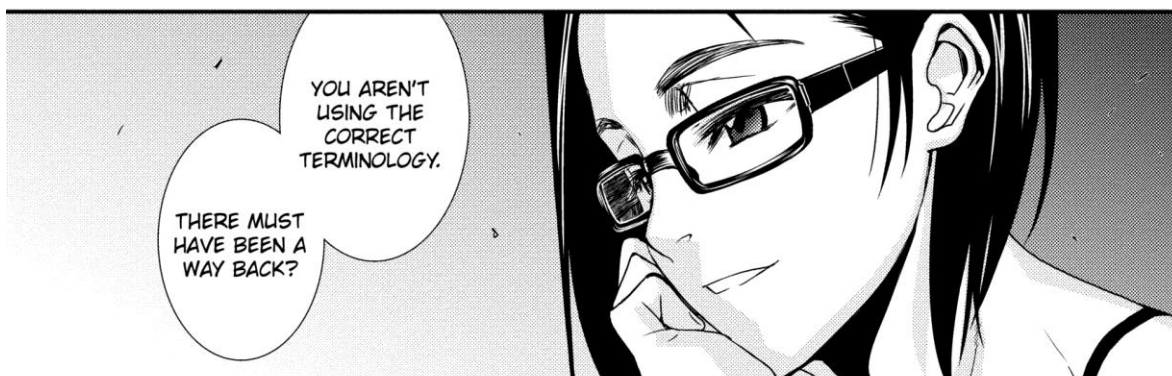


...THERE
WAS NO
TURNING
BACK.

ONCE I
REALIZED
THAT...

...WAS
SIMPLY
WHAT
I HOPED IT
WAS WORTH.

THE VALUE
I PUT ON
MY LIFE...



YOU AREN'T
USING THE
CORRECT
TERMINOLOGY.

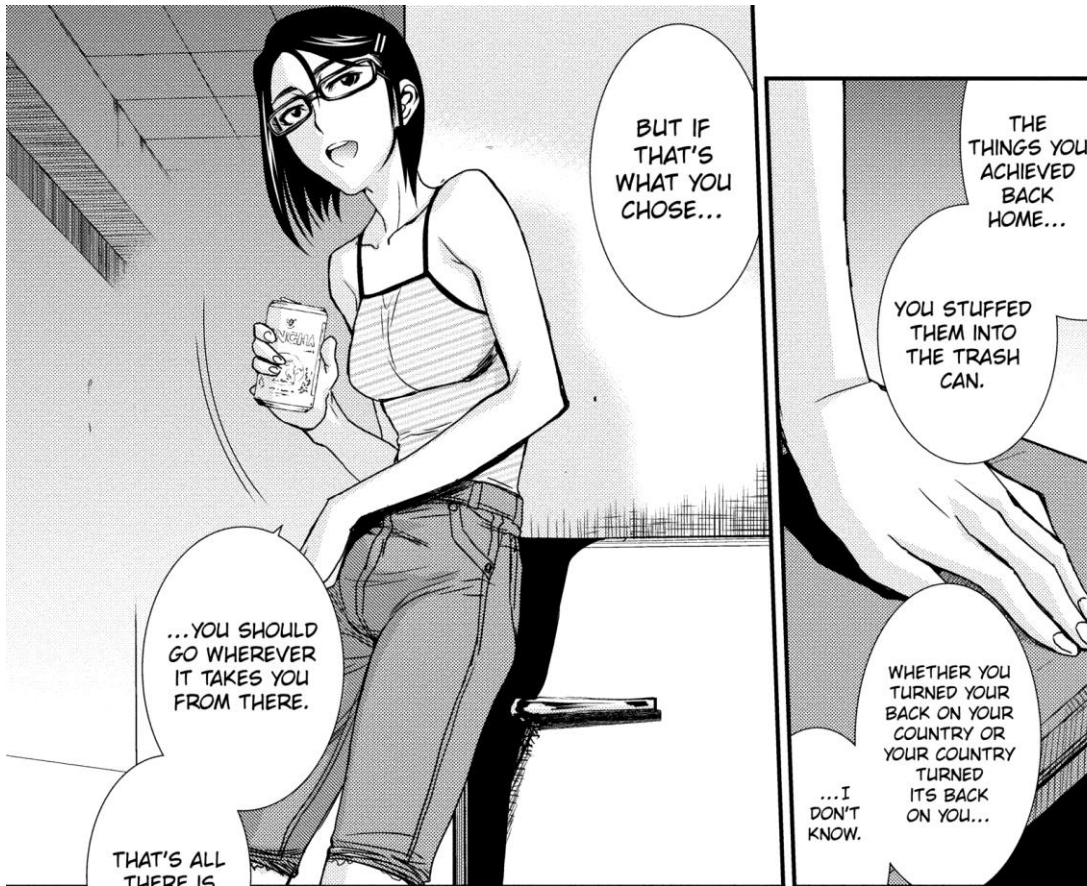
THERE MUST
HAVE BEEN A
WAY BACK?



IT
WASN'T
THAT I
COULDN'T
GO BACK...

...I JUST
DIDN'T WANT
TO ANYMORE.

LET ME
CORRECT
MYSELF.





THAT'S RIGHT.

I'M FROM WAY, WAY OUT IN THE STICKS, EVEN IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS. SO DEEP THERE MIGHT AS WELL BE YETIS.

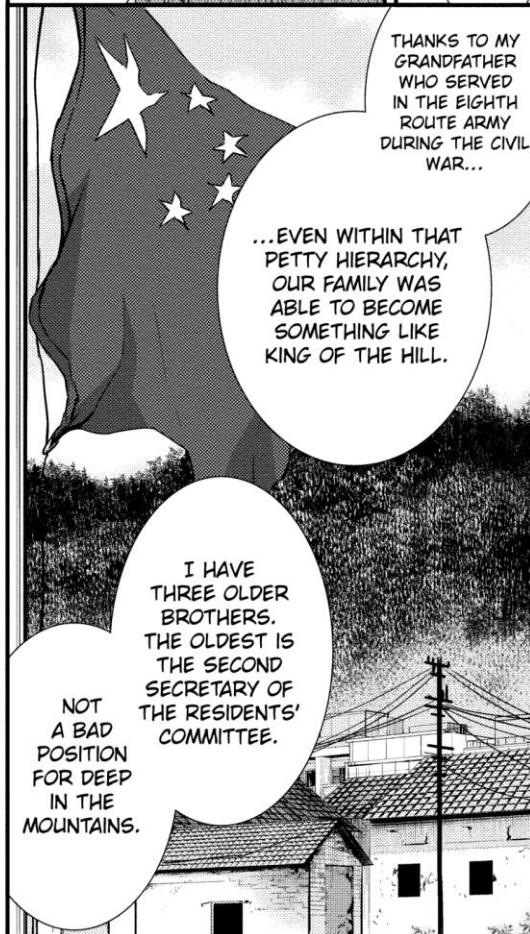


EVEN BEFORE THAT.

YOU'RE FROM JAPAN... TOKYO?



YOU MEAN TO SAY WE WERE DUPED?



THANKS TO MY GRANDFATHER WHO SERVED IN THE EIGHTH ROUTE ARMY DURING THE CIVIL WAR...

...EVEN WITHIN THAT PETTY HIERARCHY, OUR FAMILY WAS ABLE TO BECOME SOMETHING LIKE KING OF THE HILL.

I HAVE THREE OLDER BROTHERS. THE OLDEST IS THE SECOND SECRETARY OF THE RESIDENTS' COMMITTEE.

NOT A BAD POSITION FOR DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS.

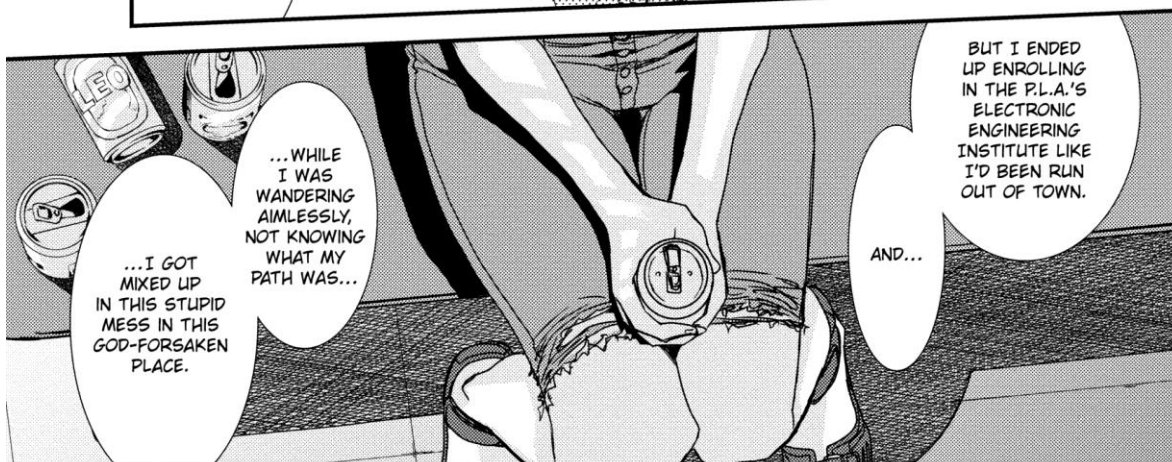
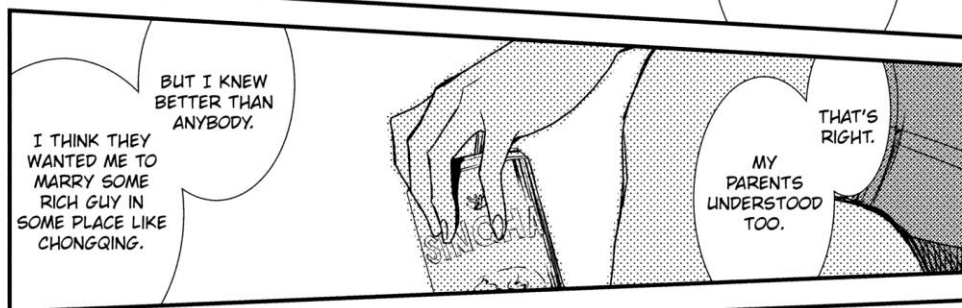
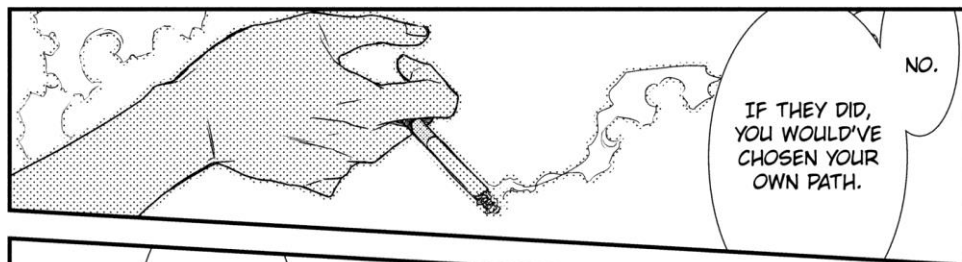
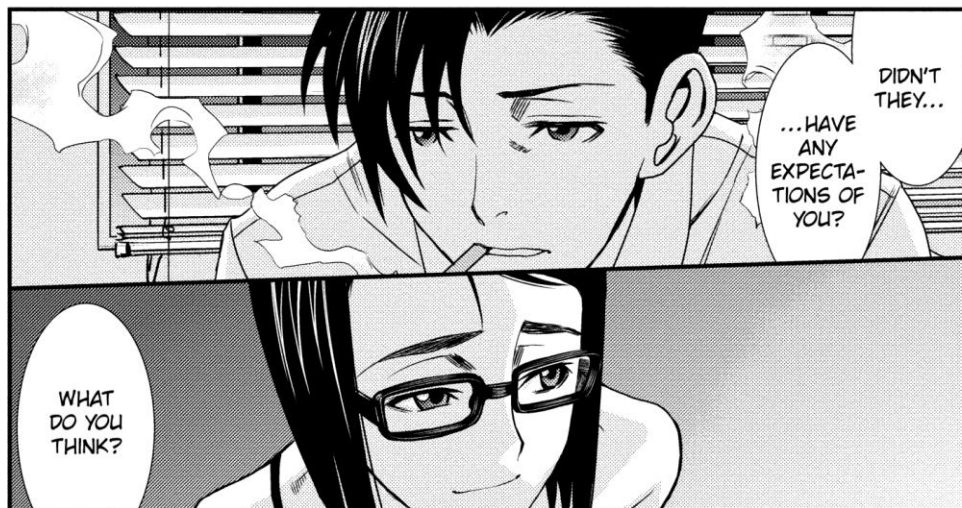


HAVE YOU SEEN ONE?



OF COURSE NOT, DUMMY. BUT...

...EVEN DEEP IN THOSE MOUNTAINS THERE WAS A LUDICROUS POWER STRUCTURE.





OR...



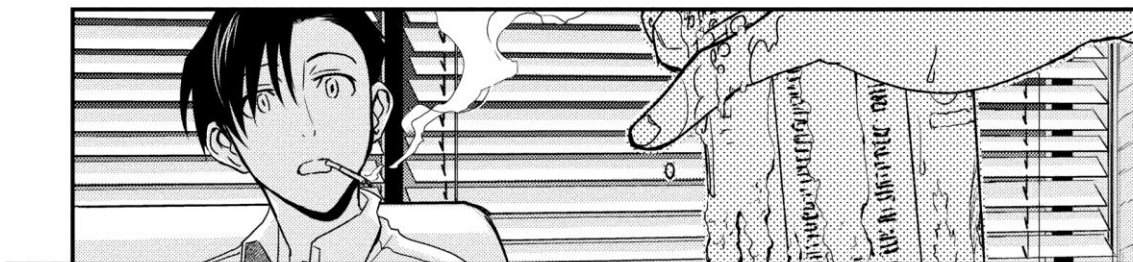
...KNEW
YOU
WOULD
END UP
HERE...

...WOULD
YOU HAVE
CHOSEN A
DIFFERENT
PATH?



HEY...

IF
YOU...



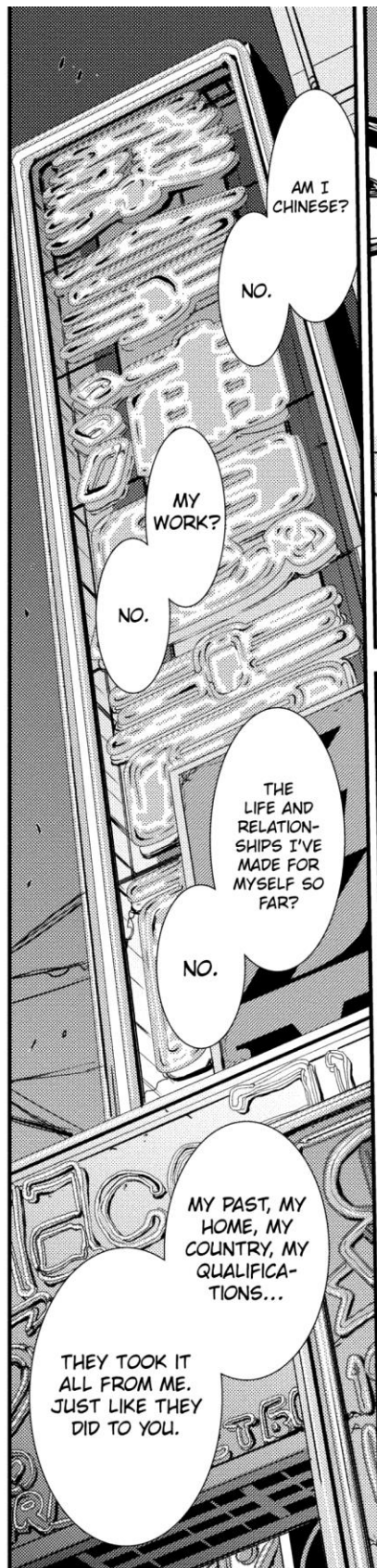
YEAH...

I THINK I
STILL...

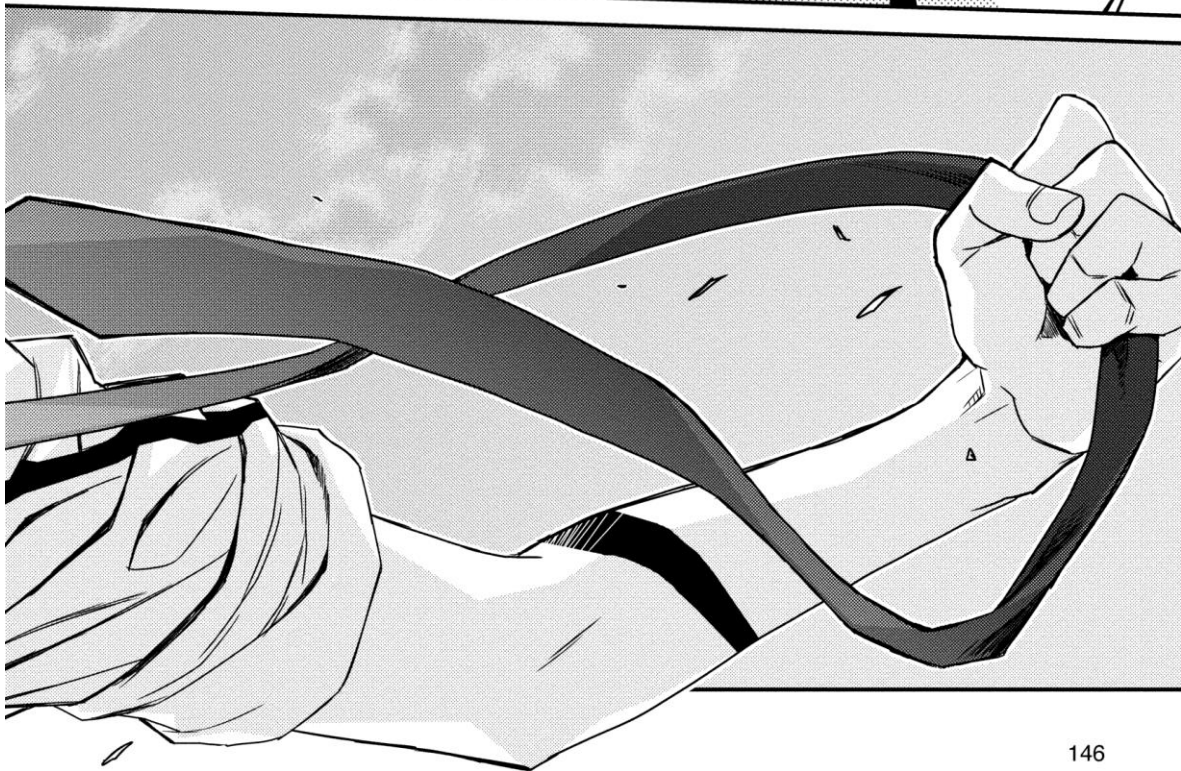
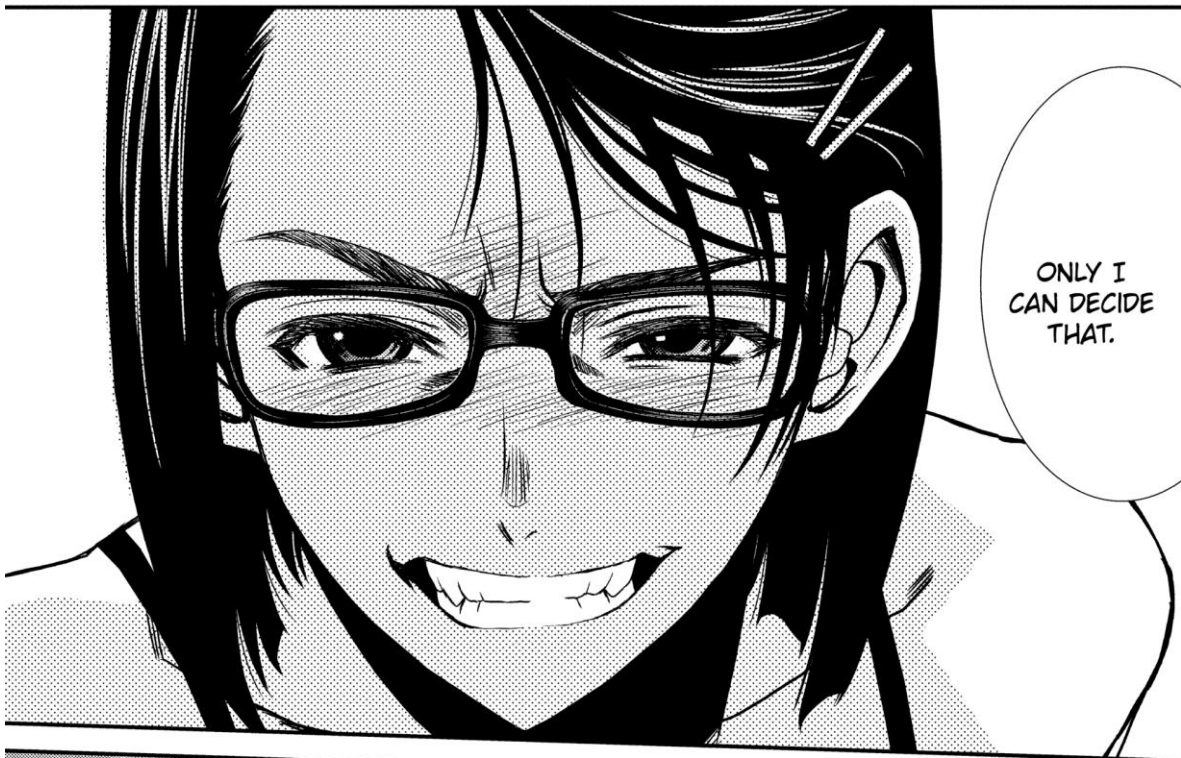
...WOULD
HAVE COME
HERE.

WHAT A
SURPRISE
...

I JUST
REALIZED.







AND
THAT'S
GREAT.

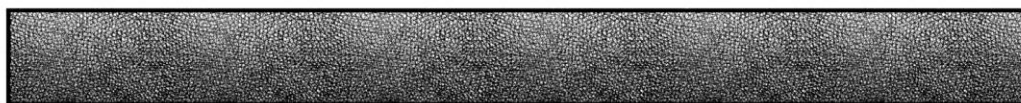
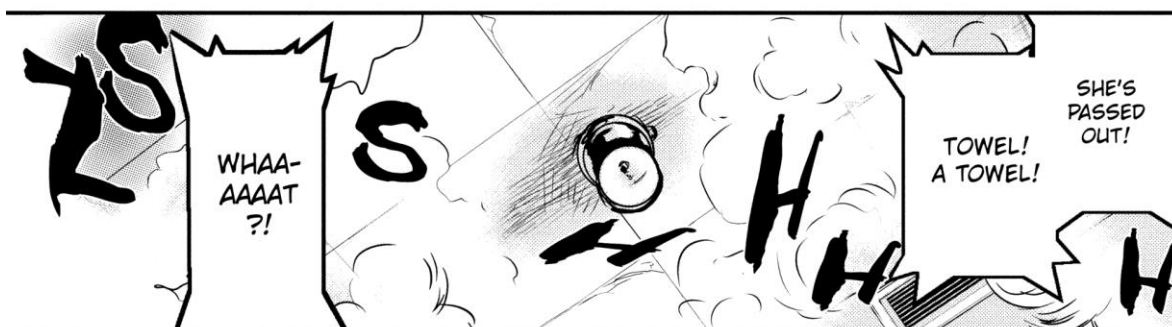
NOW
THAT...

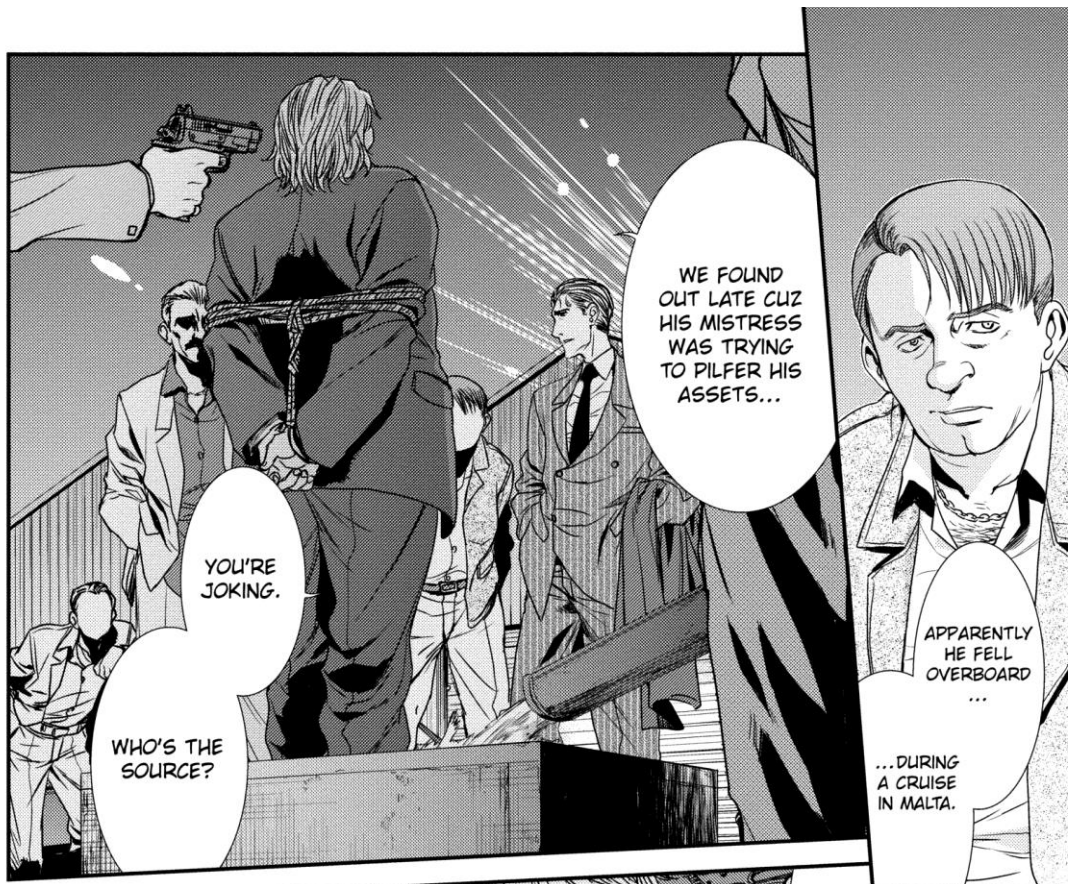
...IS
EXCITING.

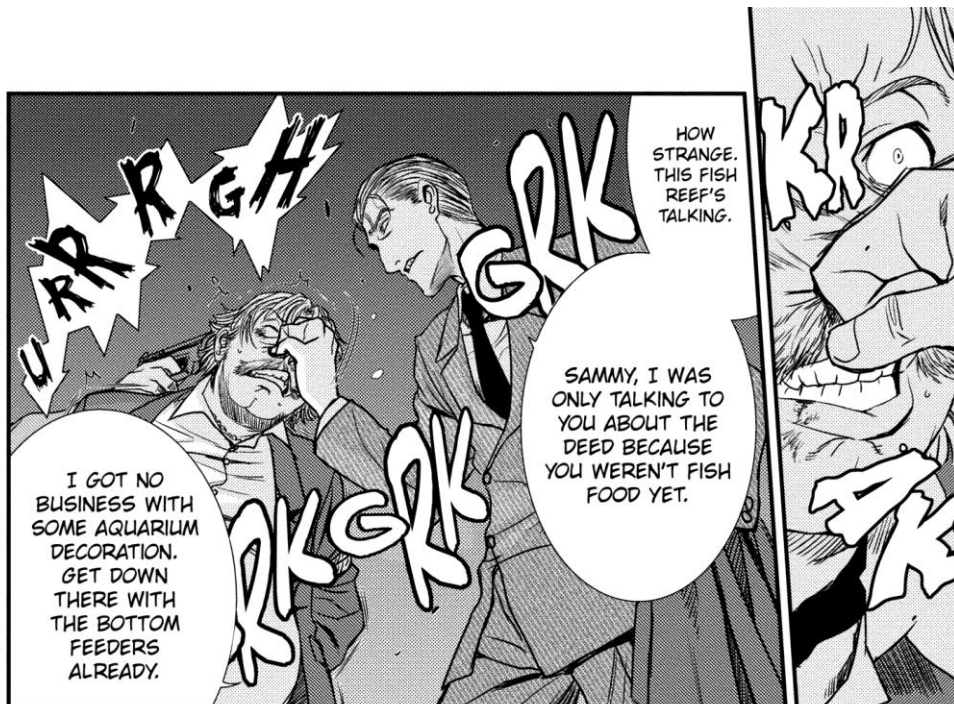












I GOT NO BUSINESS WITH SOME AQUARIUM DECORATION. GET DOWN THERE WITH THE BOTTOM FEEDERS ALREADY.

HOW STRANGE. THIS FISH REEF'S TALKING.

SAMMY, I WAS ONLY TALKING TO YOU ABOUT THE DEED BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T FISH FOOD YET.



GOT THAT?



AND?
WHERE'S THE ALBANIANS' MONEY?

IF ONLY I COULD GO DOWN TO THAT COAL MINE IN HELL AND KILL HIM PROPERLY.



I LOST MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT, WHAT WERE WE... OH...

ZAMID, YEAH, THAT FUCKER ZAMID.

HE SHITS ALL OVER THE PLACE AND THEN DIES ON ME!

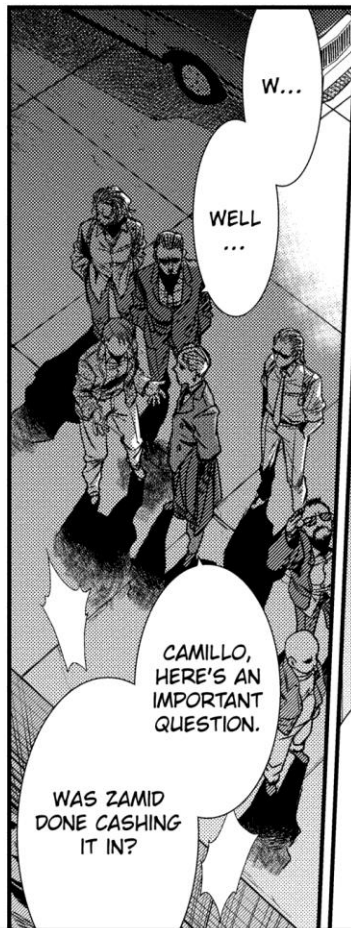


WELL...

THAT'S ...

UH...





W...

WELL
...

CAMILLO,
HERE'S AN
IMPORTANT
QUESTION.

WAS ZAMID
DONE CASHING
IT IN?



...THEN
WHO
THE
HELL...

...IS
GONNA
DIG IT
UP?



NOT A
SINGLE
PROBLEM'S
BEEN
SOLVED.

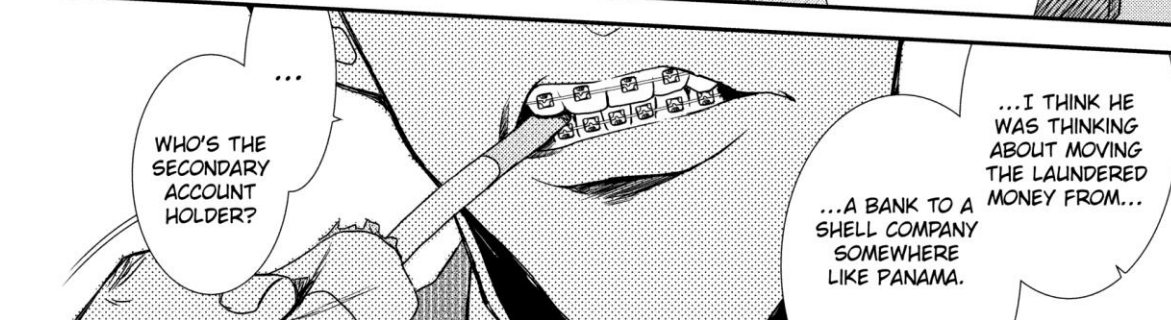
IF IT'S
SOMEWHERE
SAFE WHERE
ONLY HE COULD
GET TO...



AS SOON
AS HE WAS
BACK FROM
VACATION...

IT'S GONE
THROUGH
THE BULLION
BANK AND
THE MINING
COMPANY HE
HAD CLOSE
TIES TO...

...AND O'NEIL
& JENKINS
MINERALS.

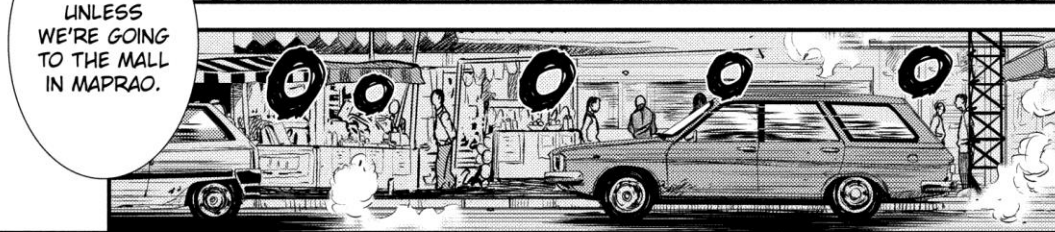
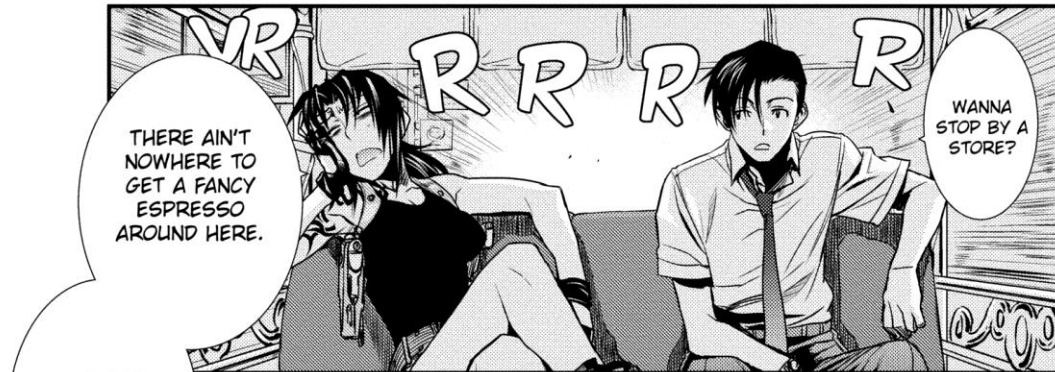


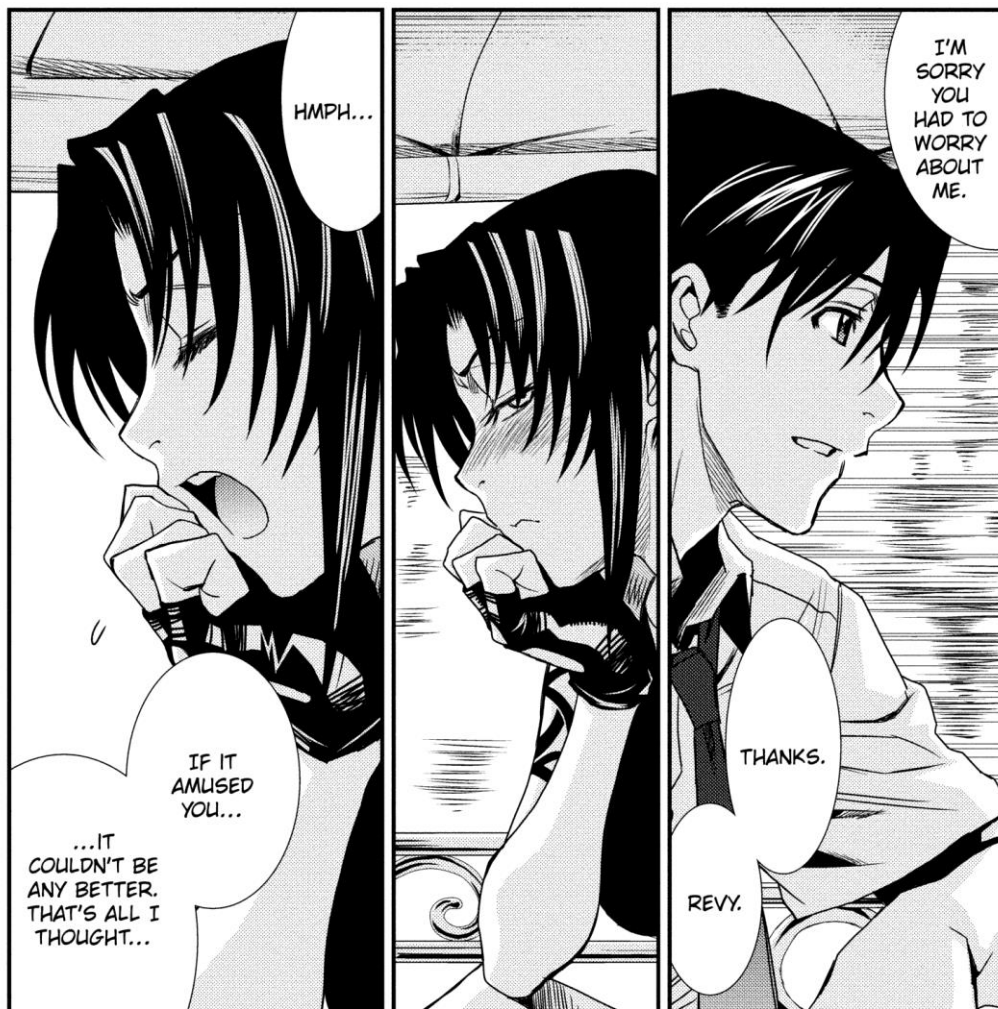
...
WHO'S THE
SECONDARY
ACCOUNT
HOLDER?

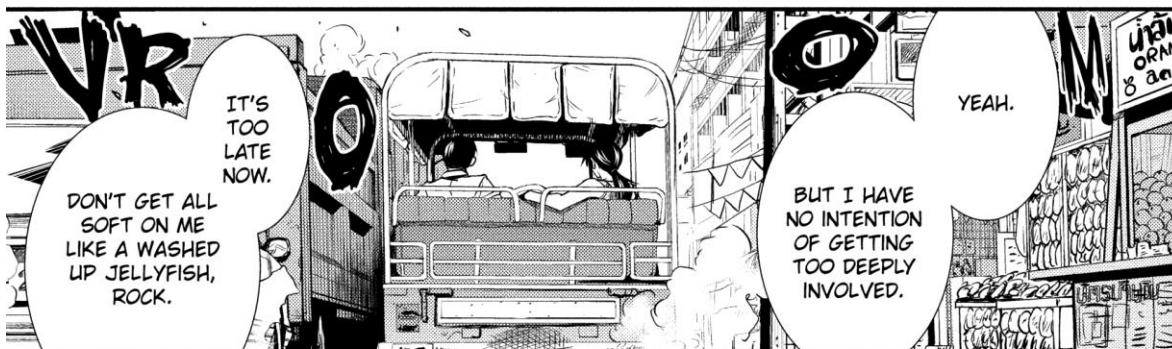
...I THINK HE
WAS THINKING
ABOUT MOVING
THE LAUNDERED
MONEY FROM...
...A BANK TO A
SHELL COMPANY
SOMEWHERE
LIKE PANAMA.











DON'T GET ALL
SOFT ON ME
LIKE A WASHED
UP JELLYFISH,
ROCK.

IT'S
TOO
LATE
NOW.

YEAH.

BUT I HAVE
NO INTENTION
OF GETTING
TOO DEEPLY
INVOLVED.



...DO WHAT
YOU WANNA
DO.

YESTERDAY
WAS
YESTERDAY,
TOMORROW'S
TOMORROW.

I GOT
YOUR BACK,
SO...



HOW'D
THAT
HAPPEN?

IT'S PRETTY
UNUSUAL OF
YOU TO BE
SO CHUMMY
WITH SOMEONE
YOU HAD A
SHOOTOUT
WITH JUST THE
OTHER DAY.



SHE
SAID...

...THE
SAME
THING.



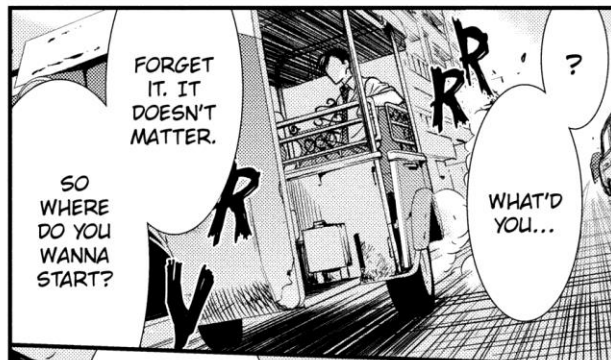
NOT
REALLY.

IT
WAS NO
BIG DEAL.

DID
SOMETHING
HAPPEN
BETWEEN YOU
TWO BEFORE
YOU CAME...

...
STUMBLING
INTO MY PLACE
UNCONSCIOUS?

BE THAT
AS IT
MAY...







VR
R
A

IT AIN'T
HARD TO
SEND THEM
TO HELL,
BUT...

...IF WE DON'T
NIP THIS IN THE
BUD, SOMEBODY
ELSE WILL
TAKE OVER FOR
THEM QUICK.

THEY'RE LIKE
ROACHES.
THEY NEVER
GO AWAY.

A

THEY'LL
BE BACK
SOONER OR
LATER.

I'VE NEVER
SEEN THEM
AROUND HERE
BEFORE. BUT
THEIR LACK OF
HESITATION IS
A SIGN THEY
KNOW WHAT
THEY'RE
DOING.

THE
SEED OF
TROUBLE
IS STILL
BURIED
IN THE
GROUND.

THOSE
HIT MEN
THAT TURNED
OUR CAR
INTO SCRAP
OVER AT
THE YELLOW
FLAG...



THAT
HIDEOUT—
WILL IT GIVE
US THAT
TIME?

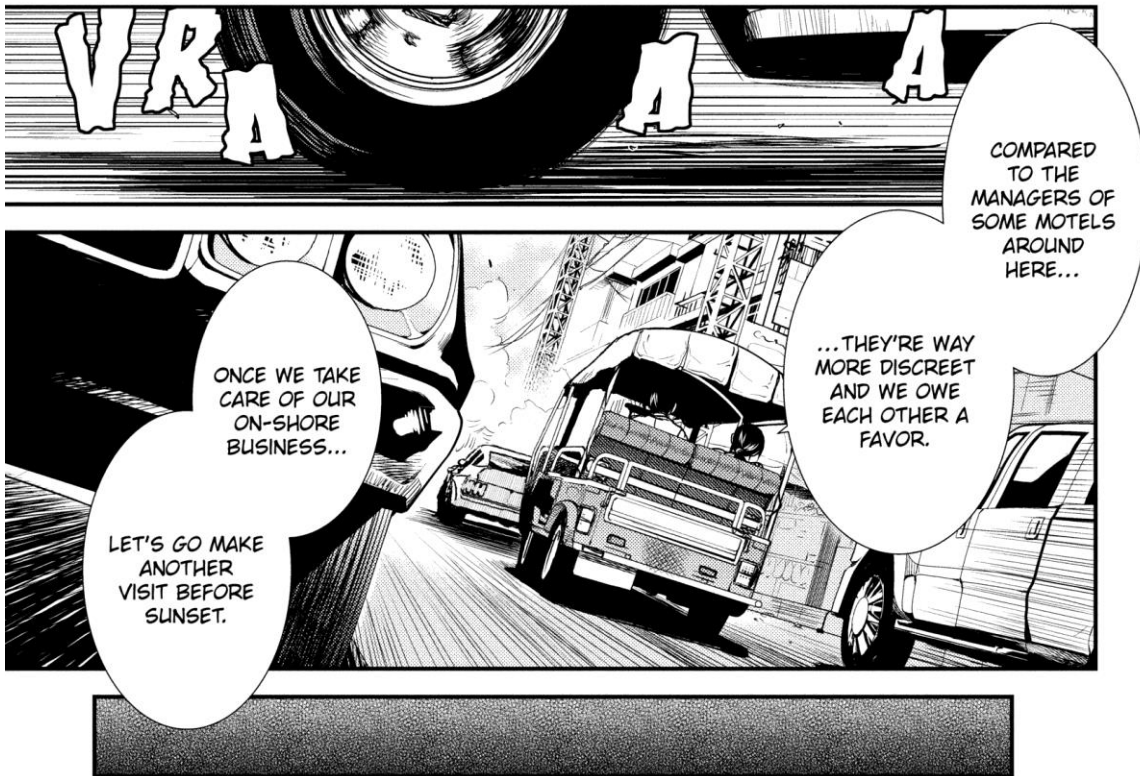
THIS DELAY
IS A WAY
TO BUY US
TIME.

I
KNOW.

...BUT OF
THE PLACES
I KNOW, IT'S
THE ONE I
TRUST THE
MOST.

YEAH.

NOTHING'S
PERFECT...





THEY WERE
PROBABLY
JUST
PASSING BY.

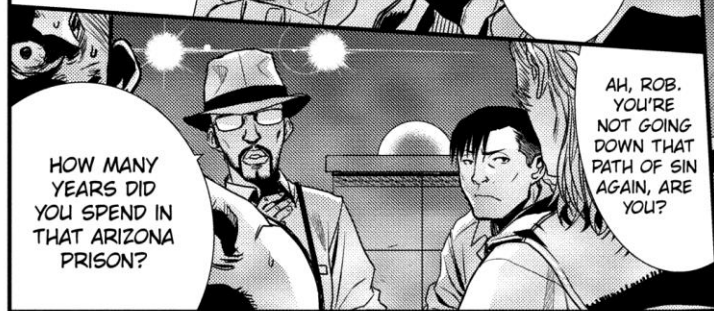
IT'S VERY
LIKELY THEY
WERE SIMPLY
CAUGHT IN THE
MIDDLE OF IT.



OH, MAN.
SHE WAS
SO FINE
TOO.

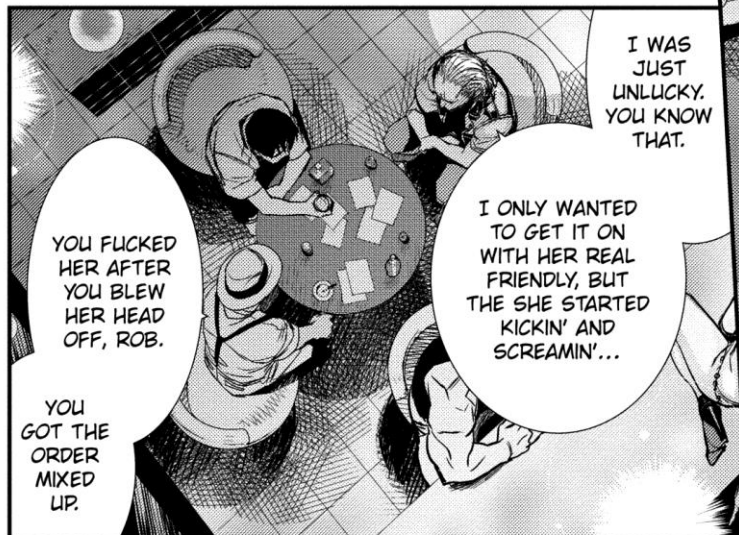
YOU'RE
SAYING
IT WAS
A COINCIDENCE?

SO I
WON'T
GET TO
SEE HER
AGAIN?



HOW MANY
YEARS DID
YOU SPEND IN
THAT ARIZONA
PRISON?

AH, ROB.
YOU'RE
NOT GOING
DOWN THAT
PATH OF SIN
AGAIN, ARE
YOU?

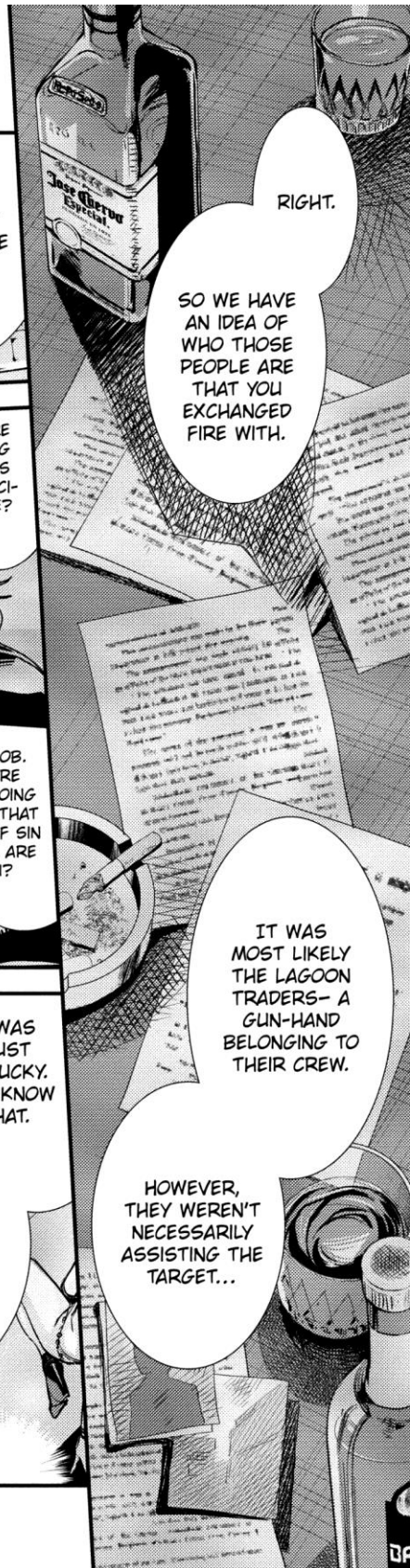


YOU FUCKED
HER AFTER
YOU BLEW
HER HEAD
OFF, ROB.

YOU
GOT THE
ORDER
MIXED
UP.

I ONLY WANTED
TO GET IT ON
WITH HER REAL
FRIENDLY, BUT
THE SHE STARTED
KICKIN' AND
SCREAMIN'...

I WAS
JUST
UNLUCKY.
YOU KNOW
THAT.



RIGHT.

SO WE HAVE
AN IDEA OF
WHO THOSE
PEOPLE ARE
THAT YOU
EXCHANGED
FIRE WITH.

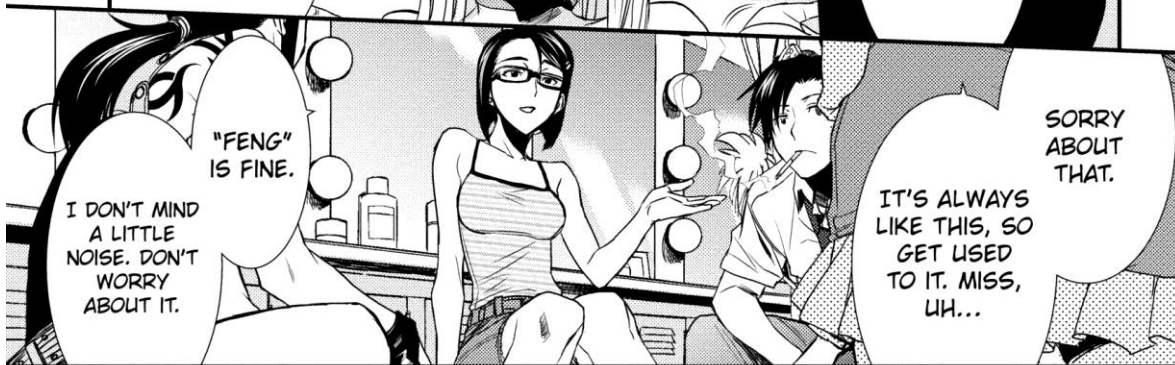
IT WAS
MOST LIKELY
THE LAGOON
TRADERS- A
GUN-HAND
BELONGING TO
THEIR CREW.

HOWEVER,
THEY WEREN'T
NECESSARILY
ASSISTING THE
TARGET...











MY WORK-
PLACE...
I MEAN,
FORMER
WORKPLACE,
REQUIRED
MORE THAN
JUST
COMPUTER
SKILLS.

THERE'S
MORE THAN
JUST HIDING
OUR BROODING
FACES BEHIND A
NEWSPAPER...

...IN THE
INTELLI-
GENCE
BUSINESS.



HMM.

YOU'RE
PRETTY
SOCIAL.

I THOUGHT
EVERYBODY
FROM THE
"PLANET
OF THE
GEEKS" WERE
INTROVERTED
NERDS.

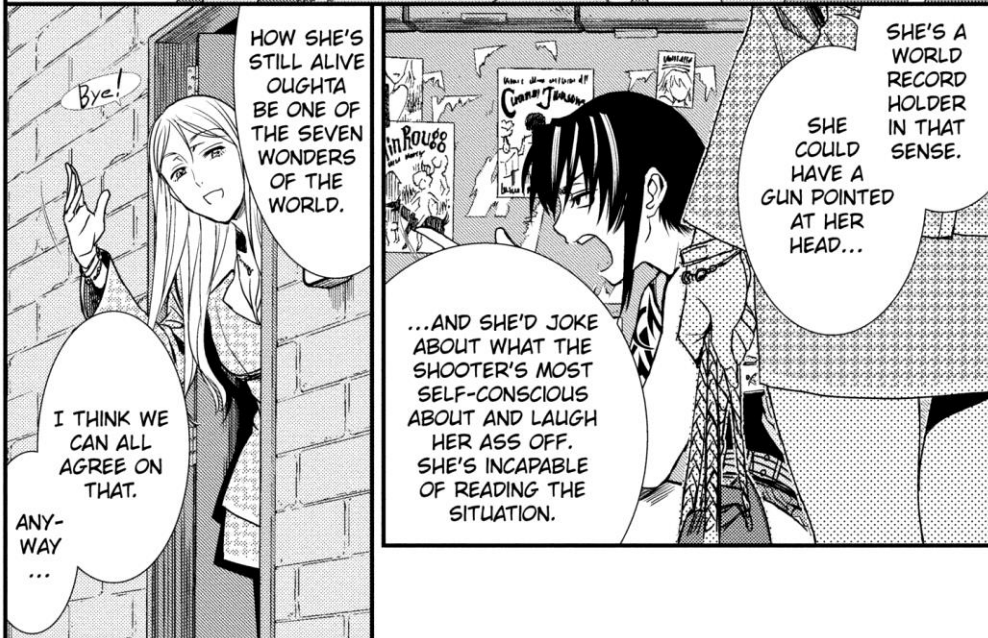


IF THAT HELPS
THINGS RUN
SMOOTHLY,
ISN'T THAT
WHAT YOU
SHOULD DO?

OF
COURSE.

I'M NOT
HALF BAD AT
IT EITHER.
ALTHOUGH I'M
NOT SO SURE
ABOUT THAT
INDIAN GIRL.

YOU SAYIN'
BEING
FRIENDLY
IS A PART
OF BEING A
SPY?



Bye!

HOW SHE'S
STILL ALIVE
OUGHTA
BE ONE OF
THE SEVEN
WONDERS
OF THE
WORLD.

I THINK WE
CAN ALL
AGREE ON
THAT.

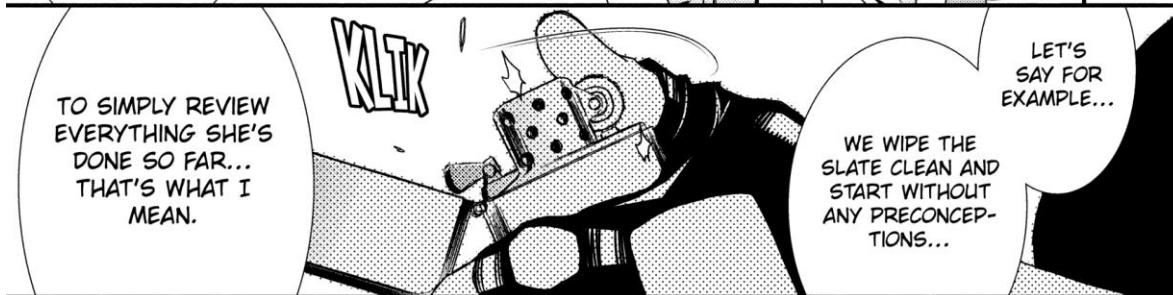
ANY-
WAY
...

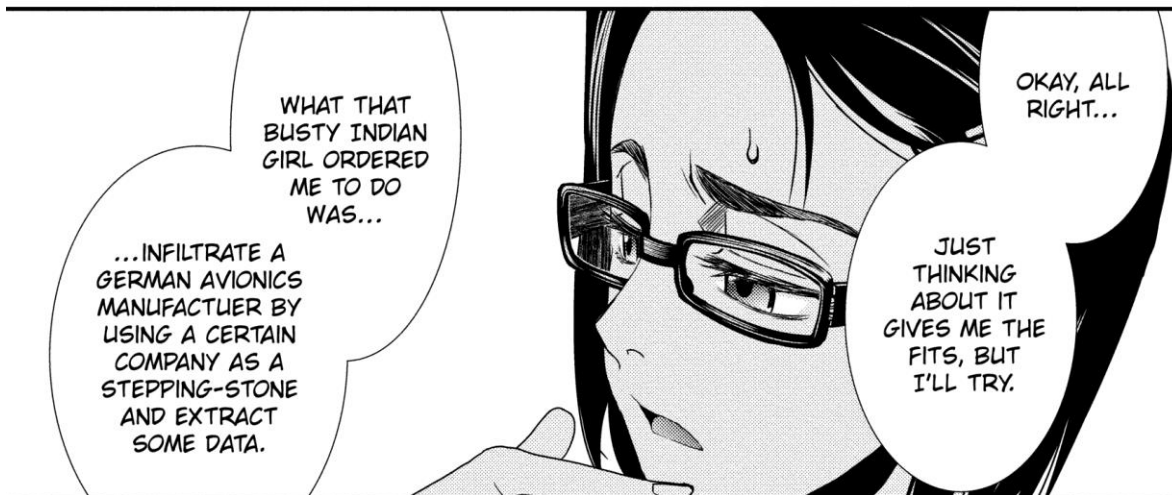
...AND SHE'D JOKE
ABOUT WHAT THE
SHOOTER'S MOST
SELF-CONSCIOUS
ABOUT AND LAUGH
HER ASS OFF.
SHE'S INCAPABLE
OF READING THE
SITUATION.

SHE'S A
WORLD
RECORD
HOLDER
IN THAT
SENSE.

SHE
COULD
HAVE A
GUN POINTED
AT HER
HEAD...







WHAT THAT
BUSTY INDIAN
GIRL ORDERED
ME TO DO
WAS...

...INFILTRATE A
GERMAN AVIONICS
MANUFACTURER BY
USING A CERTAIN
COMPANY AS A
STEPPING-STONE
AND EXTRACT
SOME DATA.

OKAY, ALL
RIGHT...

JUST
THINKING
ABOUT IT
GIVES ME THE
FITS, BUT
I'LL TRY.



BUT...

...AS YOU
KNOW,
EVERYTHING
WAS A SHAM.

THAT
"CERTAIN
COMPANY"
WAS...

...A FRONT
COMPANY
FOR MY REAL
EMPLOYER.



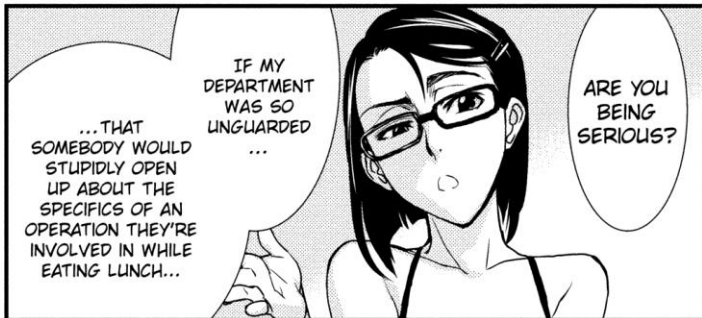
...SHE WAS
PUTTING
TOGETHER
EVIDENCE...

...OF THE P.L.A.'S
OPERATIONS
IN ORDER TO
DRAG OUR
FRONT COMPANY,
"ANNENHEIM
DISTRIBUTIONS" OUT
IN THE OPEN FOR
REINBACH TO SEE.
THAT'S KINDA WHAT
I THINK HAPPENED.

SHE AND
THE OTHER
HACKERS LET
ME THROUGH
A BACK
DOOR THEY
OPENED...

THIS IS
PURE SPECU-
LATION
BUT...

...AND WHILE I
WAS STUPIDLY
SEARCHING IN THE
WRONG AREA...



...THAT
SOMEBODY WOULD
STUPIDLY OPEN
UP ABOUT THE
SPECIFICS OF AN
OPERATION THEY'RE
INVOLVED IN WHILE
EATING LUNCH...

IF MY
DEPARTMENT
WAS SO
LINGUARDED
...

ARE YOU
BEING
SERIOUS?



AND YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW...



...OUR SPY
AGENCIES
WOULD BE
OUT OF
BUSINESS.

DEVELOPING
WINDOWS
GAMES WOULD
BE MUCH MORE
PRODUCTIVE FOR
MY COUNTRY.

YOU'RE
ABSOLUTELY
RIGHT.

IT'D BE A
WASTE OF
TAXPAYERS'
MONEY.



...WITH A
NOTE THAT
SAID "WORLD'S
FUNNIEST
HOME VIDEO
ENCLOSED."

...AND
ATTACHED
A BUSINESS
CARD OF WHICH
COMPANY HIRED
THIS THIEF...

...MY
INFILTRATION
FROM
BEGINNING
TO END...

SO THEN
THEY IN
EFFECT
"VIDEO-
TAPED"...



MY BOSSES
WOULD BE
FURIOUS...

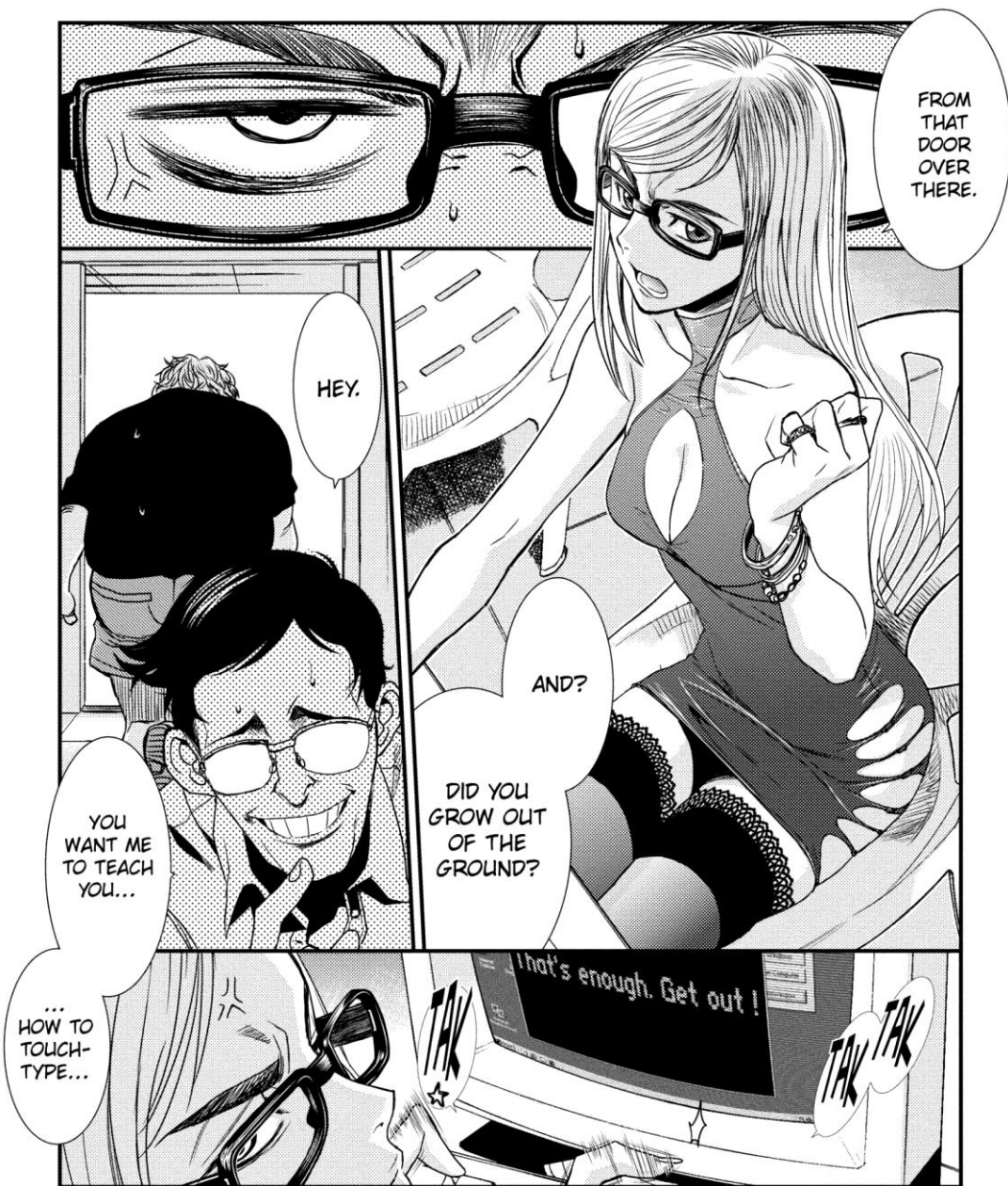
YOU KNOW
THE REST.

THE GERMANS,
WHO HAVE
SUSPECTED
THE P.L.A. FOR
A LONG TIME,
MUST HAVE
BEEN LAUGHING
THEIR ASSES
OFF...

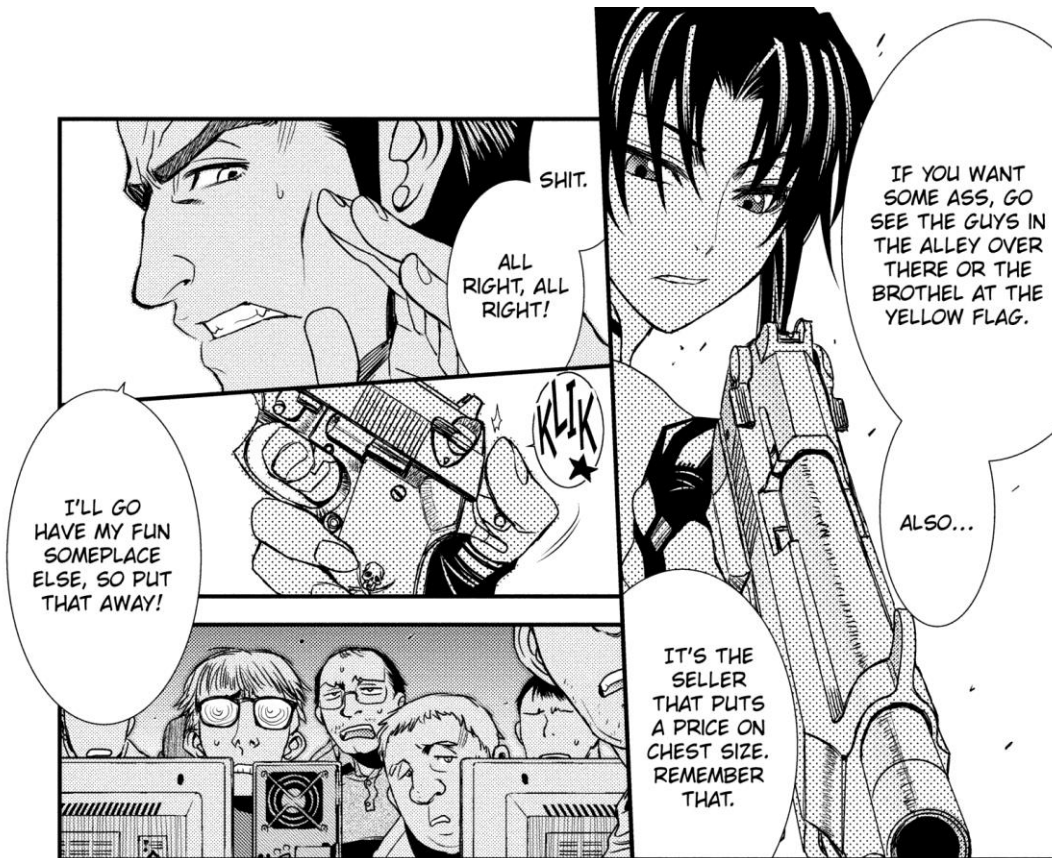


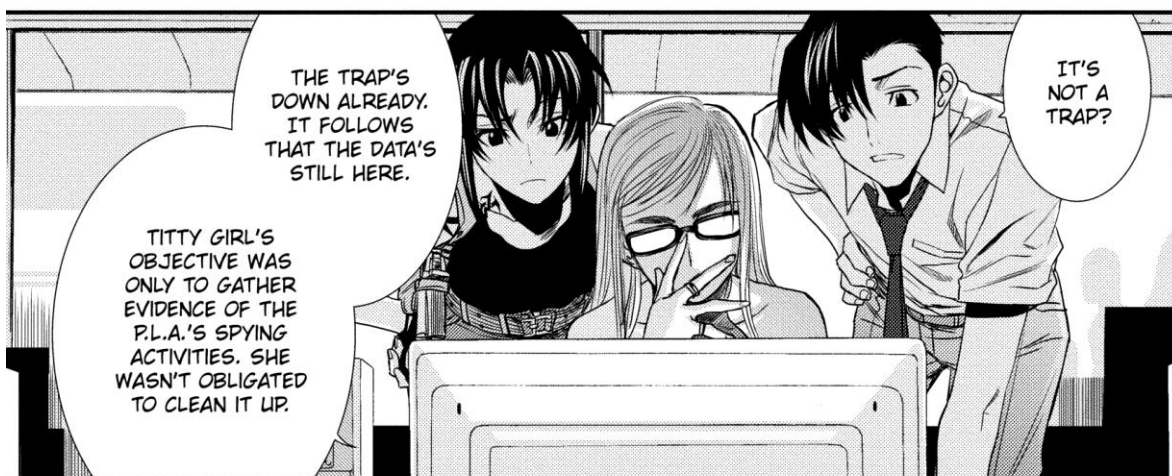
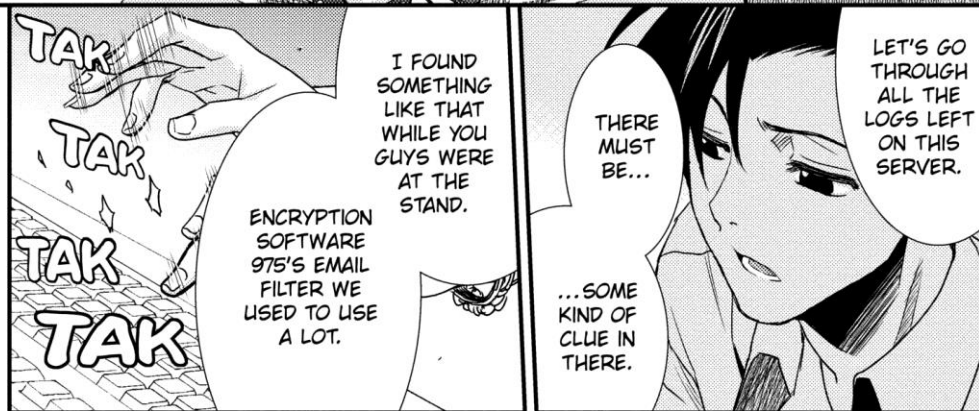
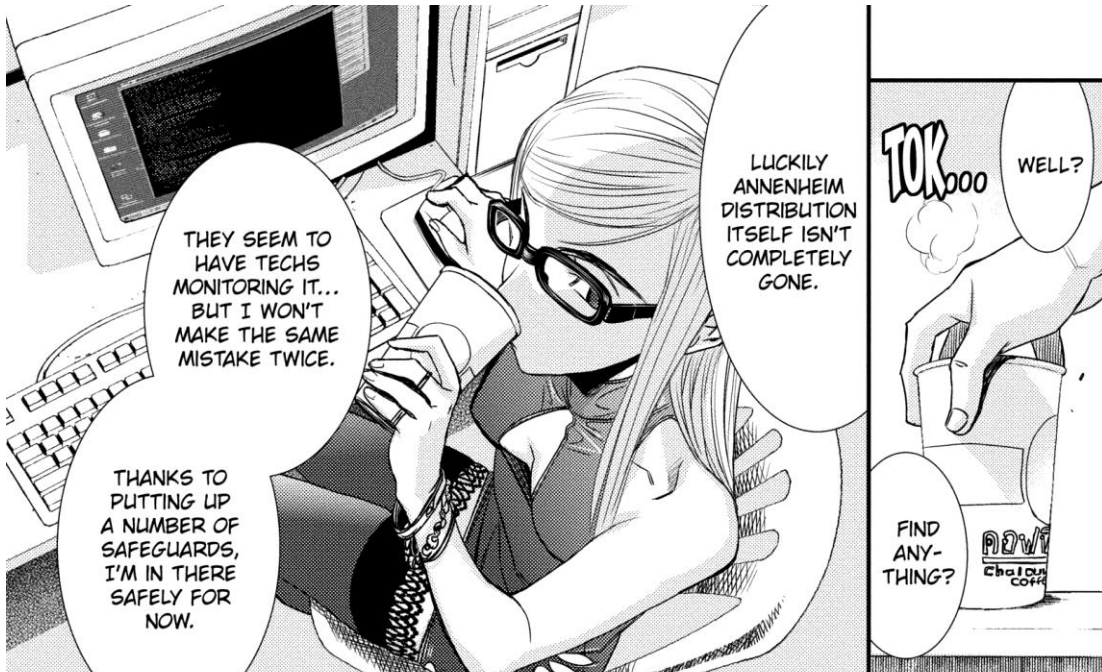










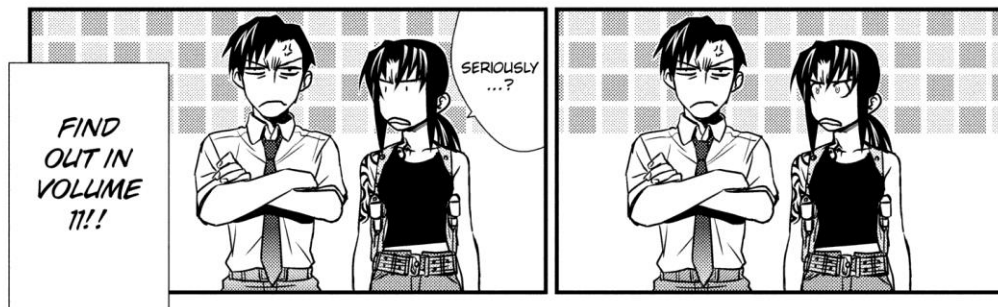
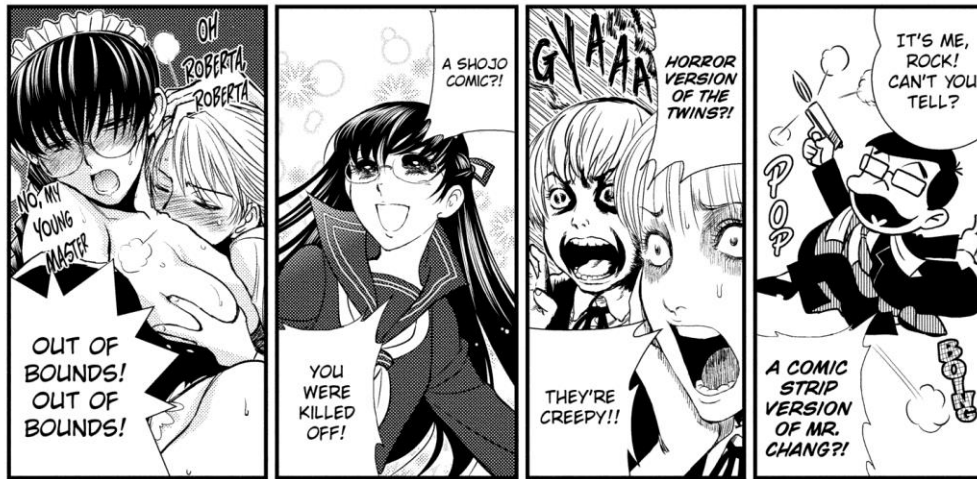












AFTERWORD

IT'S VOLUME 10. ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OUT THREE YEARS AGO, A LOT OF THINGS OVERLAPPED AND I COULDN'T CONTINUE. IT ENDED UP BEING SOMETHING LIKE A HIATUS. I RESUMED ABOUT A YEAR LATER, BUT THE TANKO ENDED UP TAKING UNTIL NOW. LOOKING BACK, I SHOULD HAVE ANNOUNCED A HIATUS, BUT I DIDN'T THINK RETURNING WOULD TURN INTO SUCH A BIG DEAL. I TOOK IT TOO LIGHTLY...

THE PUBLIC SPREADS RUMORS EVEN ABOUT SOMEBODY LIKE ME. I OVERHEARD MANY CLAIMING IT WAS A HIATUS, ALTHOUGH THAT WAS FAR FROM THE TRUTH. I AM VERY SORRY.

ALL TOLD, I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO PICKED UP THIS VOLUME. THANK YOU.

ALSO, THE LAST HALF OF VOLUME 10 IS ALL DIGITAL. AN ECO-FRIENDLY VERSION USING ABSOLUTELY NO PAPER. I WAS TRYING A LOT OF THINGS DURING MY ABSENCE. BUT IT HAS ITS MERITS AND DEMERITS, SO IT MAY CHANGE.

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I'LL SEE YOU



IN VOLUME 11.

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Here's volume 10.

Took about as long as four or five volumes. It's what you call "opportunity loss" in business terms. You learned something!



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